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Aircraft Movements

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SUMMARY

With the RAF having chosen the DH Firestreak Missile, 1 GWTS commenced Trials:

Abbreviations

ANS	Air Navigation School
BABS	Blind Approach Beacon System
BS/BW	Bombardment Squadron/Wing [USAF]
CAACU	Civilian Anti-Aircraft Co-Operation Unit
CCCS	Coastal Command Communications Squadron/Flight
CFE	Central Fighter Establishment
CFS	Central Flying School
CNCS	Central Navigation and Control School
FBW	Fighter Bomber Wing
FTCCS	Flying Training Command Communications Squadron
FTS	Flying Training School
Gp	Group

GWDS	Guided Weapons Development Squadron
GWTS	Guided Weapons Trials Squadron
HQ CCCF	Headquarters Coastal Command Communications Flight
Lt	Lieutenant
MCS	Metropolitan Communications Squadron
MPC	Missile Practice Camp
MRT	Mountain Rescue Team
NAS	Naval Air Squadron
OCU	Operational Conversion Unit
RAFFC	Royal Air Force Flying College
Sqn	Squadron
UAS	University Air Squadron

Thursday 1st January 1959 [AIR 27/2893/1][AIR 27/2813/68]

GWDS renamed 1 GWTS [Guided Weapons Trials Squadron] OC W/C Les Harland. Unit based at the No.2 Sub-site, Valley [later known as FCMPC/STCAAME/AGWOEU] Although a Trials Sqn they also had a Wartime Reserve role.				
WF371	[L]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate BABS, F/L D Darney

Friday 2nd January 1959 [AIR 27/2769/76][AIR 27/2777]

WR967	F	Shackleton MR.2	42 Sqn	F/O A H Lindsay
From and to St Mawgan.				
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XJ433	[C]	Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	M/P Dougan
Distress signals seen in Cardigan Bay; area searched but nothing seen.				

Wednesday 7th January 1959 [AIR 29/2699][AIR 27/2813/68]

WL621	[A]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate TACAN, F/L B Howe
Based noted: Anson Valley Station Flight. Called out to search for a missing dinghy with 3 boys off Blackpool. Dinghy found and a lifeboat homed to it, picked up safely.				

Thursday 8th January 1959 [AIR 27/2813/68]

WL621	[A]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate TACAN, S/L Melbourne
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Monday 12TH January 1959 [AIR 27/2893/1]

1 GWTS *1 st delivery from Gloster Aircraft Company, Moreton Valence. Not flown for the rest of January due to acceptance checks and modification work.				
XH901	E	Javelin FAW.7*	1 GWTS	S/L R G Price

Tuesday 13th January 1959 [AIR 27/2751/2][AIR 27/2813/68][AIR 27/2829/2]

WJ638	-	Canberra B.2	35 Sqn	PD F/O D P Dwyer
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WH910	-	Canberra B.2	35 Sqn	PD F/L R D Pilcher
WH925	-	Canberra B.2	35 Sqn	PD F/O W J Kirby
WL621	[A]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate TACAN, F/L Matheson
TG566		Hastings Met.1	202 Sqn	Diversion, F/L H M Pearson

Wednesday 14th January 1959 [AIR 27/2850/13][AIR 27/2829/2]

WK162	-	Canberra B.2*	245 Sqn	Diversion F/O G S Kerr
*Diverted in at 13:50 whilst on a Northern Calibration Flight from Tangmere.				
TG572	[F]	Hastings Met.1**	202 Sqn	Diversion, M/P F Radina
**Whilst routing Dishforth-Kinloss it diverted into Valley, later departed to Aldergrove.				
TG566		Hastings Met.1	202 Sqn	To Aldergrove, see 13.1

Friday 16th January 1959 [AIR 29/2699]

5 Iraqi Pilots graduated with 116 Provost/Vampire Course. Lt Zaki/Khaffaf/H A Hussein/H M Hussein/Babn.				
WL621	[A]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate TACAN, S/L Mulkern

Saturday 17th January 1959 [AIR 27/2813/68]

WJ947	[K]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate TACAN, S/L Mulkern
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Sunday 18th January 1959 [AIR 27/2731/8]

WH961	-	Canberra B.6	9 Sqn	S/L S Halliwell from Luqa, Malta
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Monday 19th January 1959 [AIR 27/2731/8]

WH961	-	Canberra B.6	9 Sqn	S/L S Halliwell to Binbrook 09:23.
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Tuesday 20th January 1959 [AIR 27/2751/2][AIR 27/2813/68][AIR 27/2784/26][MB]

WK130	-	Canberra B.2	35 Sqn	PD F/O D S Hulse
WJ945	[H]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate GCA, F/L H Pattinson
WF371	[L]	Varsity T.1*	115 Sqn	F/L D Darney
*From and to Tangmere.				
WJ727	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	PD F/L G S Taylor
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XE851:[61] 7 FTS to DH for modifications.				

Wednesday 21st January 1959 [AIR 27/2769/76]

XJ433	[C]	Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Burke
Distress signals seen in Cardigan Bay; area searched alongside Lifeboat, but nothing seen.				

Thursday 22nd January 1959 [AIR 29/2699]

		[?x Vampire]	7 FTS	
Very little Course flying carried out as the whole day was devoted to an airborne search for 2 missing Sea Venom pilots from RNAS Brawdy which had collided at 14:17 21.1.59 during a turn at 2,000ft following an exercise with HMS Harrier. Both crashed 10nms W of Strumble				

Head, both pilots were sadly killed. The aircraft were Sea Venom FAW.21's WW150:016:BY & XG678:013:BY of Fleet Requirements Unit [FRU]. 22 Sqn Whirlwind HAR.2 XJ760:[K] [F/L Braybrook] also participated in the search.

Friday 23rd January 1959 [AIR 27/2813/68][MB]

WJ945	[H]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate PV1B, F/L W Casey
Based noted: Vampire T.11 WZ558 7 FTS delivered to DH for modifications.				

Sunday 25th January 1959 [AIR 27/2813/68]

WJ945	[H]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate PV1B, F/L W Casey
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Monday 26th January 1959 [AIR 27/2813/68]

WJ947	[K]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate PV1B, F/L H Pattinson
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Tuesday 27th January 1959 [AIR 27/2856/18][AIR 27/2784/26]

XH482	-	Vulcan B.1	617 Sqn	PD S/L A A Smailes
WJ731	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	PD F/L L Topper

Wednesday 28th January 1959 [AIR 27/2813/68]

WL684	[B]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate GCA, F/L R Davidson
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Friday 30th January 1959 [AIR 27/2744/122]

XH120	[C]	Beverley C.1	30 Sqn	F/O J Richardson from Orange
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Saturday 31st January 1959 [AIR 27/2769/76][AIR 29/2699]

XJ433	[C]	Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L F Braybrook
Picked up a Seaman from a Submarine located at 5240N 0333W [Holyhead 220deg/50nms]. He was then flown to [Bournemouth] Hurn by the below mentioned Vampire. The Sailor's wife was in Hospital seriously injured after a road traffic accident.				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 7 FTS visited Hurn [M/P Kirkham]				

Monday 2nd February 1959 [AIR 27/2813/70]

WL621	[A]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate TACAN, F/L B Howe
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XK590:45 7 FTS F/L Cannon to Little Rissington.				

Tuesday 3rd February 1959 [AIR 27/2893/1]

XH902	F	Javelin FAW.7	1 GWTS	Delivery from Moreton Valence
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Wednesday 4th February 1959 [logbook]

Based noted:				

Vampire T.11 XK590:45 7 FTS F/L Cannon from Little Rissington, see 2.2

Thursday 5th February 1959 [AIR 27/2784/28]

WJ722	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	PD F/O D E Betts
WJ733	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	PD F/O K Walker

Friday 6th February 1959 [AIR 27/2784/28]

WH922	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	PD F/L L W Collingridge
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Tuesday 10th February 1959 [AIR 27/2731/10][AIR 29/2699][AIR 27/2733/28][AIR 27/2831/68]

WJ766	-	Canberra B.6	9 Sqn	S/L J Melrose from Gutersloh.
WK110	-	Canberra B.2	12 Sqn	S/L D Lang from Wildenrath.
		?*	[1 FTS]	
*Detachment from Linton-on-Ouse until 13.2				
WB828	-	Shackleton MR.1	204 Sqn	S/L J W King, used Ty Croes Range

Wednesday 11th February 1959 [AIR 27/2731/10]

WJ766	-	Canberra B.6	9 Sqn	S/L J Melrose to Binbrook.
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Thursday 12th February 1959 [AIR 27/2839/56]

WL748	[-]	Shackleton MR.2	210 Sqn	W/C A P Dart
Routed: Ballykelly-Valley-St Mawgan. Landed 16:40 & departed 18:00.				

Friday 13th February 1959 [AIR 27/2817/69][MB]

WJ776	-	Canberra B.6*	139 Sqn	[Diversion?] S/L Cousins
*From Idris, later departed to Waddington.				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 WZ512 7 FTS to DH for modifications, also quoted as 16.2 Vampire T.11 XE851:[61] modifications complete back to 7 FTS, see 20.1.59				

Monday 16th February 1959 [AIR 27/2733/28][AIR 27/2784/28]

WH959	-	Canberra B.6	12 Sqn	S/L J W G James
WK110	-	Canberra B.2	12 Sqn	Departed, see 10.2
WJ732	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	PD F/O C R Tickell

Tuesday 17th February 1959 [AIR 29/2699][AIR 27/2831/68]

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Detachment from Linton-on-Ouse until [20.2]				
WB828	-	Shackleton MR.1	204 Sqn	S/L Jarmy, used Ty Croes Range

Wednesday 18th February 1959 [AIR 27/2830/50][AIR 27/2839/56]

XF706	G	Shackleton MR.3/3*	203 Sqn	F/L R P Wildy
*Routed: Ballykelly-Gaydon-Valley-Ballykelly.				

WL750	[-]	Shackleton MR.2	210 Sqn	F/L P A Drysdale
From Ballykelly at 13:30, departed back to Ballykelly at 16:00.				

Monday 23rd February 1959 [AIR 27/2831/68]

WB826	-	Shackleton MR.1	204 Sqn	F/L Bull, used Ty Croes Range
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Wednesday 25th February 1959 [AIR 27/2893/1][AIR 27/2835/64]

XH784	C	Javelin FAW.7	1 GWTS	Delivery from Moreton Valence
WP217	-	Valiant B[PR].1*	207 Sqn	F/L H T Gould
*Diversion Exercise arrived 16:55				

Thursday 26th February 1959 [AIR 27/2888]

		[Pembroke/Anson]	FTCCS	F/L Houghton & Bell
AM Sir R Atcherley routed Blackbushe-Swinderby-Ternhill-Valley-Shawbury-Syerston-Blackbushe.				

Friday 27th February 1959 [AIR 27/2829/4]

TG566		Hastings Met.1	202 Sqn	Diversion, F/L R J K Nicholas
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Saturday 28th February 1959 [AIR 27/2829/4]

TG566		Hastings Met.1	202 Sqn	To Aldergrove, see 27.2
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Wednesday 4th March 1959 [Robert Bagshaw Logbook*]

Based noted: *Vampire T.11 XK589:51 7 FTS local flight with F/L Bromley.				

Thursday 5th March 1959 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 WZ558 modifications complete back to 7 FTS, see 23.1.59 Vampire T.11 XE885:47 7 FTS to DH for modifications.				

Friday 6th March 1959 [AIR 27/2893/1]

XH900	D	Javelin FAW.7	1 GWTS	Delivery from Moreton Vallance
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Saturday 7th March 1959 [AIR 29/2699]

WG827		Vampire FB.5	7 FTS	F/L R Rose
Starboard top engine butterfly cowl detached in flight due to fastener failure, landed safely. Serial must be incorrect as WG827 was written off 28.8.52 possibly WG837 ?				

Monday 9th March 1959 [logbook]

Based noted:				

Vampire T.11 XH303: 7 FTS F/L Cannon visited Chivenor.

Tuesday 10th March 1959 [AIR 27/2817/71]

WT373	-	Canberra B.6*	139 Sqn	Diversion, F/O Greaves
*Weather diversion enroute Idris-Binbrook.				

Wednesday 11th March 1959 [AIR 27/2867/125][AIR 27/2817/71]

WJ819	-	Canberra PR.7	58 Sqn	F/L M J Lea from Wyton 21:50
WT373	-	Canberra B.6	139 Sqn	To Binbrook, see 10.3

Thursday 12th March 1959 [AIR 27/2867/125][SB]

WJ819	-	Canberra PR.7	58 Sqn	F/L M J Lea to Wyton 16:25
WN499		Dragonfly HR.5		A Wilson
Routed: Eglinton-Valley-Fleetlands. [911:CU possible code ?]				

Friday 13th March 1959 [AIR 27/2802/30][AIR 27/2751/6]

WZ377	-	Valiant B[PR].1	90 Sqn	PD S/L C R C Spencer
WH919	-	Canberra B.2	35 Sqn	PD F/O J E Tootell

Tuesday 17th March 1959 [AIR 27/2784/30]

WJ676	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	PD F/O D H Bourne
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Wednesday 18th March 1959 [AIR 27/2751/6][MB]

XH783	B	Javelin FAW.7	1 GWTS	Delivery from A&AEE
WH914	-	Canberra B.2	35 Sqn	PD F/O B A Sherlock

Thursday 19th March 1959 [Robert Bagshaw Logbook*]

VV262		Anson T.21*		Local flight.
*Flew with F/L Webster. [Serial is suspect as VV262 was SOC 11.4.58?]				

Friday 20th March 1959 [AIR 27/2751/6]

WH919	-	Canberra B.2	35 Sqn	PD F/O D P Dwyer
WJ751	-	Canberra B.2	35 Sqn	PD S/L D Dobbie

Monday 23rd March 1959 [AIR 27/2728/32]

WZ366	-	Valiant B.1	7 Sqn	Diversion F/L B J Wickham 22:07
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Tuesday 24th March 1959 [AIR 27/2728/32]

WZ366	-	Valiant B.1	7 Sqn	Departed 10:42
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Thursday 26th March 1959 [AIR 27/2769/80]

XJ432	[B]	Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Braybrook
Aircraft over Colwyn Bay trailing black smoke, searched area but false alarm.				
Based noted:				

Vampire T.11 XK590:45 7 FTS F/L Cannon visited St Mawgan.

Wednesday 1st April 1959 [AIR 27/2893/1]

XH900	D	Javelin FAW.7*	1 GWTS	F/L I H Keppie
*Flown with 4 Firestreaks to Cottesmore for the visit of the Prime Minister, J H Macmillan.				

Monday 6th April 1959 [AIR 27/2751/8][AIR 27/2813/74][AIR 27/2839/60][MB]

WJ634	-	Canberra B.2	35 Sqn	PD F/O P B Curtin
WJ945	[H]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate BABS F/L B Howe
WR956	[-]	Shackleton MR.2	210 Sqn	W/C N J Carver
Routed: Gibraltar-Valley-Ballykelly, arrived 15:20 & departed 16:15.				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 WZ512 modifications complete back to 7 FTS, see 13.2.59 Vampire T.11 XE884:43 7 FTS to DH for modifications.				

Tuesday 7th April 1959 [AIR 27/2893/1]

XH782	A	Javelin FAW.7	1 GWTS	Delivery
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Friday 10th April 1959 [Robert Bagshaw Logbook*]

Based noted: *Vampire T.11 XK590:45 7 FTS local flight with F/L Latham.				

Tuesday 14th April 1959 [SB]

[XG577]	301	Whirlwind HAR.3	815 NAS	A Wilson
Routed: Eglinton-Valley-Portland, Sqn transfer.				

Thursday 16th April 1959 [AIR 27/2850/19]

WH670	-	Canberra B.2*	245 Sqn	Diversion, F/L J G Bowman
*Diverted whilst on a Northern Calibration Flight. Returned to Tangmere same day.				

Friday 17th April 1959 [AIR 27/2889/90][AIR 27/2813/74]

VS572	-	Anson C.21*	MCS	G/C D Paveler
*From Northolt 18:30				
WL636	[D]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate BABS, F/L D Darney

Saturday 18th April 1959 [AIR 27/2889/90]

VS572	-	Anson C.21	MCS	To Dishforth 14:40, see 17.4
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Monday 20th April 1959 [AIR 27/2888]

		[Pembroke/Anson]	FTCCS	F/L Houghton & Bell
AM Sir H Constantine, from and to Blackbushe.				

Tuesday 21st April 1959 [logbook]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XK624: 7 FTS F/L Cannon visited Turnhouse.				

Monday 27th April 1959 [logbook]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XK624: 7 FTS F/L Cannon visited Turnhouse.				

Tuesday 28th April 1959 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XE885:47 modifications complete back to 7 FTS, see 5.3.59				

Thursday 30th April 1959 [AIR 27/2751/8][AIR 27/2784/32][AB]

WH944	-	Canberra B.2	35 Sqn	PD F/O W D E Martin
WJ715	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	PD S/L L McArdle
VP520		Anson C.19		From Squires Gate
3 visits then departed from Squires Gate to Colerne.				

Friday 1st May 1959 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD526:42 7 FTS to DH for refinish [repaint]				

Monday 4th May 1959 [AIR 27/2860/1][AIR 27/2784/34]

		Chipmunk T.10	BUAS	Pre-Summer Camp visit.
WJ731	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	PD F/O C R Tickell

Tuesday 5th May 1959 [AIR 27/2867/129]

WH797	-	Canberra PR.7	58 Sqn	F/O Edwards from Wyton 15:05
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Monday 11th May 1959 [AIR 27/2867/129][AIR 29/2699][MB]

WH797	-	Canberra PR.7	58 Sqn	To Wyton 10:43, see 5.5
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WG928	11	Vampire FB.9	7 FTS	F/O R H Biggs
Birdstrike on a break to land shattering the canopy and struck the tailplane, landed safely but pilot injured with a cut above the left eye.				
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WZ553	40	Vampire T.11	7 FTS	M/P C Kirkham
Birdstrike on a formation run-in at 1,000ft/280kts, damage caused to the starboard wing. Repaired on site by 49 MU from 15.5, repairs were complete 25.7.59 and back to 7 FTS.				

Wednesday 13th May 1959 [AIR 27/2751/10]

WH919	-	Canberra B.2	35 Sqn	PD F/O P B Curtin
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Thursday 14th May 1959 [AIR 27/2830/56]

XF702	H	Shackleton MR.3/3*	203 Sqn	F/L R P Wildy
*From and to Ballykelly to the Anglesey Range [Ty Croes ?]				

Friday 15th May 1959 [AIR 27/2839/62]

WG555	[U]	Shackleton MR.2	210 Sqn	F/L D J Mitchell
Routed: Ballykelly-Benson-Valley-Ballykelly.				

Saturday 16th May 1959 [BJ]

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Monday 18th May 1959 [AIR 27/2769/84][MAR 02/20]

XJ727	G	Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/S Leyden
CASEVAC from Bangor to Leeds Infirmary, refuelled at Yeadon [Leeds Airport] before returning to Valley.				

Tuesday 19th May 1959 [AIR 27/2784/34]

WH923	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	PD F/O K Walker
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Wednesday 20th May 1959 [AIR 29/2699][AIR 27/2784/34][AIR 27/2769/84]

	[Q]	Anson*	[CCCS]	Diversion 'KEBOX' F/L McLeish
*Diverted in at 10:00 whilst en-route Ballykelly due to icing and a feathered engine. Passenger was AVM L W C Bower AOC 19 Group, see also 21.5. 22 Sqn scrambled Whirlwind HAR.2 XJ729:[J] [M/P Dougan] and intercepted it at 15nms airfield and escorted it in.				
WJ719	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	PD F/O C R Tickell

Thursday 21st May 1959 [AIR 27/2856/84][AIR 27/2784/34][AIR 27/2769/84]

WH924	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	PD F/O D T Broadwith
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XJ727	[G]	Whirlwind HAR.2*	22 Sqn	F/L N Baker
XJ729	[J]	Whirlwind HAR.2*	22 Sqn	F/S E Leyden
*Involved in the search for Anson C.19 VV955 CCCS which had flown into Tal-y-Fan Mountain [OS 107/722722] near Rowen, Conway Valley on 20.5.59. It had been flying from Bovingdon to Ballykelly but was told to divert to Valley to pick up a passenger, see Valley 20.5. All 3 occupants were killed. An Anson and Whirlwind from Valley sighted wreckage. One of the Whirlwinds XJ729:[J] was involved in airlifting the MRT to the scene.				
Pilot	F/L	Ernest Alfred Hart	Killed [buried Northwood]	
Nav	F/O	Pran Nath Handa	Killed	
Pax	G/C	John Eley Preston	Killed [buried Northwood]	

Friday 22nd May 1959 [MB]

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Based noted:
 Vampire T.11 XE884:43 modifications complete back to 7 FTS.
 Vampire T.11 XK624 7 FTS to DH for refinishing.

Monday 25th May 1959 [Robert Bagshaw Logbook*]

Based noted: *Anson C.19 TX209 Valley Station Flight, flew with F/L Burton.				

Tuesday 26th May 1959 [AIR 27/2784/34]

WJ733	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	PD F/O P R Walton
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Thursday 28th May 1959 [Robert Bagshaw Logbook*]

Based noted: *Vampire T.11 XH368:52 7 FTS flew with F/L Latham. Vampire T.11 XD625: 7 FTS F/L Cannon visited Cranwell.				

Friday 29th May 1959 [AIR 27/2815/78][AIR 27/2830/56]

WZ401	-	Valiant B[PR]K.1	138 Sqn	PD F/L Conchie
XF705	C	Shackleton MR.3/3*	203 Sqn	F/O P M Howard
*Routed: Ballykelly-Valley-Kinloss-Ballykelly. *Bombing carried out at the Anglesey Range [Ty Croes ?]				

June 1959 [AIR 4/174]

Based noted: D G Adam post graduate flying at Valley, his logbook is retained at the National Archives at Kew and reveals the following aircraft flown at Valley between 1.6-2.10.59: Vampire FB.5 WG837:10 WA301:18 WA436:20 VZ866:27 WA332:35 Vampire FB.9 WG928:11 WX230:12 WR154:16 WR240:19 WL495:24 Vampire T.11 WZ553:40 XD534:41 XD526:42 XE851:43 XE884:43 WZ558:46 XE836:47 XE885:47 XH368:52 XH303:53 XD397:55 XK637:56 XE852:58 XD620:60 XE851:61 XE829:62 WZ512:63 XK584:66 XD379:67 Chipmunk T.10 WB738 see 19.8.59 Whirlwind HAR.2 XJ729:J				

Wednesday 3rd June 1959 [AIR 27/2784/36]

WJ677	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	PD S/L A W Griffiths
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Thursday 4th June 1959 [AIR 27/2769/86]

XJ429	[A]	Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	M/P Dougan
Search for a jet that had crashed into the sea near Puffin Island, later position amended to 5nms NE of Puffin Island, nothing seen.				

Saturday 6th June 1959 [logbook]

Based noted: Vampire FB.5 VZ866:27 7 FTS F/L Cannon visited Shawbury, aeros spare aircraft.				

Sunday 7th June 1959 [AIR 29/2699][AIR 29/2799]

XM295	-	Heron CC.4*	Queens Flt	S/L Wood
*HRH Princess Royal arrived by air en-route to Dolgellau. Routed Benson-London Airport [North]-Valley-London Airport [North]-Benson.				

Monday 8th June 1959 [AIR 27/2850/23][MB]

WK145	-	Canberra B.2*	245 Sqn	Diversion, Sgt D J Brennan
*Diverted whilst on a Northern Calibration Flight, departed back to Tangmere same day.				
WK162	-	Canberra B.2**	245 Sqn	Diversion, F/O G S Kerr
**Diverted whilst on a Southern Calibration Flight, departed back to Tangmere same day.				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD526:42 back from DH to 7 FTS, see 1.5.59 Vampire T.11 XE857 7 FTS to DH for refinish [repaint]				

Tuesday 9th June 1959 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 WZ612:[54] 7 FTS delivered to 5 FTS. Vampire T.11 XH368:52 7 FTS to DH for refinishing.				

Wednesday 10th June 1959 [Robert Bagshaw Logbook*][AIR 27/2856/28][AIR 27/2739/14]

XH498	-	Vulcan B.1	617 Sqn	PD S/L A Smailes
WJ616	-	Canberra B.2	18 Sqn	PD F/L M A Pringle
Based noted: *Vampire T.11 XK590:45 7 FTS solo local flight. Anson TX209 Stn Flt F/L Taylor visited Cranwell.				

Friday 12th June 1959 [AIR 29/2699][AIR 27/2813/78]

WL678	[C]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate TACAN, F/L J Bullock
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WA436	20	Vampire FB.5	7 FTS	P/O Hawes
Whilst carrying out a touch & go he could only get 8,200rpm on the engine, a fixed power circuit was flown, landing safely.				

Monday 15th June 1959 [AIR 29/2699][AIR 27/2860/1][AIR 27/2813/78]

The Chipmunk aircraft of Bristol UAS arrived for their Annual Summer Camp. Present until 12.7				
In the UAS ORB it says that the 10 aircraft were flown to Valley by 12.6. The Camps were split into 2 [14-28.6] & [28.6-11.7] They operated from the 2 Sqn hangar and also used Mona too. 6 of the aircraft were 'on loan' for the duration of the Camp.				
		Chipmunk T.10	BUAS	[S/L K N Rice]
		Chipmunk T.10	BUAS	[F/L J S Winterbourne]
		Chipmunk T.10	BUAS	[F/L E Statters]
		Chipmunk T.10	BUAS	[F/L A V E Sturman]
		Chipmunk T.10	BUAS	[F/O J D Mercer]
		Chipmunk T.10	BUAS	[F/L D G Gilroy]
		Chipmunk T.10	BUAS	
		Chipmunk T.10	BUAS	
		Chipmunk T.10	BUAS	
		Chipmunk T.10	BUAS	
WL678	[C]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate TACAN, F/L T Hemsley

Tuesday 16th June 1959 [AIR 27/2813/78][AB]

WL678	[C]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate TACAN, F/L N Abbott
WL685	[S]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate UHF, S/L P Mulkern
VP520		Anson C.19		To Squires Gate, 2 visits

Thursday 18th June 1959 [AIR 29/2699]

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AOC's Inspection by AVM C Scragg.				

Saturday 20th June 1959 [AIR 27/2769/86]

XJ727	[G]	Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Baker
Whilst exercising with the local Lifeboat informed that they were proceeding to pick up 2 boys drifting seawards on a rubber raft. Helicopter arrived and an ATC Cadet J Hughes lowered, 2 boys successfully winched up and returned to their parents.				

Sunday 21st June 1959 [AIR 27/2769/86]

XJ727	[G]	Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/S Leyden
CASEVAC 15-month-old child with suspected brain injury from Towyn Hospital to Birmingham.				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XK590:45 7 FTS F/L Cannon to Waddington then Syerston.				

Monday 22nd June 1959 [logbook]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XK590:45 7 FTS F/L Cannon returned from Syerston.				

Tuesday 23rd June 1959 [AIR 27/2856/28]

XH499	-	Vulcan B.1	617 Sqn	PD S/L A Smailes
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Wednesday 24th June 1959 [AIR 27/2784/36]

WJ676	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	PD F/O P R Walton
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Thursday 25th June 1959 [AB]

VM370		Anson C.19		
From & to Squires Gate, originally from Colerne to Squires Gate.				

Friday 26th June 1959 [AIR 27/2813/78]

WJ945	[H]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate BABS, F/O W Gregory
WL622	[R]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate UHF, F/O Thompson

Sunday 28th June 1959 [AIR 27/2769/86]

XJ727	[G]	Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/S E Leyden
Involved in a search for a crashed RCAF aircraft. Crash site found near Silloth, pilot remains found. This was Canadair Sabre 6 23380:BB-380 421 Sqn normally based at Grostenquin, France. On 26.6 it had taken off from Prestwick enroute Wethersfield to refuel and then carry on to Grostenquin . Ended up in cloud after departure and flew into Iron Crag [2,077ft], 1nm south of Ennerdale Water. Pilot, F/O Robert Gordon Starling RCAF was killed.				

Monday 29th June 1959 [AIR 27/2751/12][AIR 27/2813/78]

WJ642	-	Canberra B.2*	35 Sqn	F/L C E Simpson
*From and to Upwood.				
WL678	[C]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate TACAN, F/L D Matheson

Thursday 2nd July 1959 [AIR 27/2769/86][**MB**]

XJ429	[A]	Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Braybrook
Swimmer in difficulties at Hells Mouth, on arrival swimmers' body was on the beach, Doctor pronounced casualty dead.				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XK624 refinish complete back to 7 FTS.				

Friday 3rd July 1959 [AIR 4/174]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD534:41 to Leuchars [Adam] Vampire T.11 XE885:47 from Leuchars [Carroll/Adam]				

Saturday 4th July 1959 [AB][AIR 27/2769/88][**AIR 4/174**]

WA813		Meteor F[TT].8	RAFFC	To IoM
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XJ727	[G]	Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Braybrook
Scrambled to help occupants of boat in Trewanoc Bay, nothing seen, 2 girls later rescued by holidaymakers.				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XE851:61 to Thorney Island [Adam]				

Sunday 5th July 1959 [AIR 27/2769/86]

XJ727	[G]	Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	M/P Dougan
Capsized yacht off Trearddur Bay, on arrival the survivors had already been rescued by another yacht.				

Monday 6th July 1959 [AIR 4/174]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XE851:61 from Thorney Island [Adam] see 4.7				

Tuesday 7th July 1959 [AIR 27/2864/2]

Glasgow UAS deliver 6 aircraft from Perth for their Annual Summer Camp.				
		Chipmunk T.10	GUAS	
		Chipmunk T.10	GUAS	
		Chipmunk T.10	GUAS	
		Chipmunk T.10	GUAS	
		Chipmunk T.10	GUAS	
		Chipmunk T.10	GUAS	
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XE852:58 7 FTS visited Acklington.				

Thursday 9th July 1959 [AIR 4/174]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XE829:62 to & from Brawdy [Adam]				

Friday 10th July 1959 [AIR 27/2856/30]

XH483	-	Vulcan B.1	617 Sqn	PD F/L D A Taylor
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Sunday 12th July 1959 [AIR 27/2860/1]

Bristol UAS depart at the end of their Summer Camp. The UAS ORB details the disposal of the 10 Chipmunks as follows: 4 aircraft to be left at Valley for Glasgow UAS Summer Camp, see 7.7				
		Chipmunk T.10	BUAS	For Glasgow UAS Summer Camp
		Chipmunk T.10	BUAS	For Glasgow UAS Summer Camp
		Chipmunk T.10	BUAS	For Glasgow UAS Summer Camp
		Chipmunk T.10	BUAS	For Glasgow UAS Summer Camp
		Chipmunk T.10	BUAS	To Durham UAS, RAF Ouston

		Chipmunk T.10	BUAS	To Booker for disposal
		Chipmunk T.10	BUAS	Back to Filton
		Chipmunk T.10	BUAS	Back to Filton
		Chipmunk T.10	BUAS	Back to Filton
		Chipmunk T.10	BUAS	Back to Filton

Tuesday 14th July 1959 [Robert Bagshaw Logbook*]

Based noted: *Anson C.19 TX209 Valley Station Flight, local flight with F/L Latham.				

Wednesday 15th July 1959 [AIR 27/2864/2]

Glasgow UAS start their Annual Summer Camp. 2 Camps [15-29.7] & [5-19.8]				
		Chipmunk T.10	GUAS	[W/C D Finn]
		Chipmunk T.10	GUAS	[S/L W J Woodcock]
		Chipmunk T.10	GUAS	[F/L M J P Walmsley]
		Chipmunk T.10	GUAS	[F/L C D Warr]
		Chipmunk T.10	GUAS	[F/L W A Whiteford]
		Chipmunk T.10	GUAS	[F/O L Foster]
6 aircraft flown in from Perth, see 7.7, they then inherited 4 aircraft from the Bristol UAS Summer Camp.				
		Chipmunk T.10		From Bristol UAS*
		Chipmunk T.10		*
		Chipmunk T.10		*
		Chipmunk T.10		*

Friday 17th July 1959 [AIR 27/2893/1][AIR 27/2888][AIR 27/2813/80]

[VV968]		[Anson C.20]*	FTCCS	F/L Mercer & F/S Lewis
*AVM & Mrs Hogan, from and to Blackbushe.				
WL685	[S]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate GCA, F/L M Abbott
Based noted: Javelin FAW.7 XH782:A 1 GWTS RNAS Brawdy Airshow 18.7 Lt R Davidson [RN]				

Saturday 18th July 1959 [AB Bman59]

Based noted: Vampires of 7 FTS performed at the RNAS Brawdy open day. WG928:11 WR154:15 WR266:17 VZ866:27				
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Wednesday 22nd July 1959 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XE857 from DH back to 7 FTS after refinish, see 8.6.59 Vampire T.11 XH368:52 refinishing complete back to 7 FTS.				

Thursday 23rd July 1959 [AIR 27/2893/1]

1 GWTS First trial sortie carried out. Javelin FAW.7				

Friday 24th July 1959 [AIR 27/2864/2][MB]

		Anson*	[25 Gp]	S/L Lennon from 25 Group
*Brought in Sir Hector Hetherington, Principal of Glasgow University to visit Glasgow UAS who were on their Annual Summer Camp. Whilst at Valley he flew in a Vampire T.11 piloted by W/C K Booth [W/C Air at Valley]				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XE864 delivered from 1 ANS to 7 FTS.				

Monday 27th July 1959 [AIR 27/2893/1]

1 GWTS Trial sortie carried out. Javelin FAW.7				

Tuesday 28th July 1959 [AIR 27/2893]

1 GWTS Trial sortie carried out. Javelin FAW.7				
WJ945	[H]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate BABS, F/S A Todd

Wednesday 29th July 1959 [AIR 27/2784/38]

WH923	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	PD F/L B J McCabe
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Thursday 30th July 1959 [AIR 27/2893]

1 GWTS Trial sortie carried out. Javelin FAW.7				

Friday 31st July 1959 [AIR 27/2831/78]

WL793	O	Shackleton MR.2*	204 Sqn	F/O T M Dyson
*From and to Ballykelly.				

Sunday 2nd August 1959 [AIR 27/2769/90]

XJ429	[A]	Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	M/P Dougan
CASEVAC from Bangor to Leeds General Infirmary.				

Wednesday 5th August 1959 [AIR 27/2813/82]

WL621	[A]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate TACAN, F/L K Lawson
WL685	[S]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate EUREKA, F/L W Hole

Friday 7th August 1959 [IBCCA]

[TX]186		Anson*	[HQ 1 Gp]	T O Prickett logbook
*Routed: Finningley-Booker-Valley-Finningley.				

Sunday 9th August 1959 [AIR 27/2769/90]

XJ429	[A]	Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Braybrook
Swimmer in difficulty at Dinas Dinlle, on arrival the 'swimmer' turned out to be a beach ball.				

Monday 10th August 1959 [AIR 27/2813/82]

WL621	[A]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate TACAN, F/O F J Adams
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Tuesday 11th August 1959 [AIR 27/2813/82]

WL621	[A]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate TACAN, F/O F J Adams
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Wednesday 12th August 1959 [AIR 27/2856/32][AIR 27/2813/82]

XH497	-	Vulcan B.1	617 Sqn	PD F/L D A Taylor
WL621	[A]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate TACAN, F/O F J Adams

Thursday 13th August 1959 [AIR 27/2784/40][AIR 27/2833/40][AIR 27/2777][AIR 4/174]

WJ728	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	PD F/O K Walker
WJ723	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	PD F/L B E Rutherford
XF730	[F]	Shackleton MR.3	206 Sqn	Diversion, S/L Spalding
WR958	A	Shackleton MR.2*	42 Sqn	F/L R L Heather
*Routed: St Mawgan-Valley-Marham-St Mawgan.				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XK637:56 to & from Turnhouse [Adam]				

Friday 14th August 1959 [AIR 27/2888][AIR 27/2813/82][AIR 27/2833/40][MB]

		[Pembroke/Anson]	FTCCS	F/L Houghton & Bell
AM Sir H Constantine from Shawbury to White Waltham, visited Glasgow UAS Summer Camp.				
WL621	[A]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate TACAN, F/L K Lawson
XF730	[F]	Shackleton MR.3	206 Sqn	To St Mawgan, see 13.8
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XK590:45 7 FTS to DH for refinishing.				

Sunday 16th August 1959 [AIR 29/2699]

XJ729	J	Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	M/P Dougan
Cpl Roberts RAF Police, a volunteer, was participating in a practice wet winching drill on Lake Penrhyn. He was lowered into the water wearing a mae-west at which point the Helicopter returned to the Sqn to pick up more personnel for the winch practice. However,				

on returning to the Lake there was no sign of Cpl Roberts. Extensive search carried out by free swimmers & the Helicopter added later by the Civil Police, eventually the Police enlisted the help of a man with sub-aqua gear and the body of Cpl Roberts was found the following morning. Cpl Roberts' funeral took place at Llangefni 21.8.59. It was thought his life jacket had deflated and he drowned.

-	Cpl	Albert Roberts	Drowned [Buried Llangefni]
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Monday 17th August 1959 [AIR 27/2864/2][AIR 27/2813/82][AIR 27/2769/90][AIR 27/2831/80]

WL745	M	Shackleton MR.2	204 Sqn	PD F/L P M Papworth
		Chipmunk T.10	GUAS	To Perth
		Chipmunk T.10	GUAS	To Perth
		Chipmunk T.10	GUAS	To Perth
		Chipmunk T.10	GUAS	To Perth
		Chipmunk T.10	GUAS	To Perth
WL692	[P]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate CRD 6, F/L P H Lee
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XJ729	[J]	Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	M/P Dougan
2 small boys being carried out to sea, on arrival the boys had already been rescued by a nearby boat.				
XJ729	[J]	Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	M/P Davidson
Suspected floating mine off Prestatyn, on arrival the search revealed a piece of wood which was confirmed as the 'mine.'				

Tuesday 18th August 1959 [AIR 27/2864/2][AIR 27/2813/82]

		Chipmunk T.10	GUAS	To Perth
WL692	[P]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate CRD 6, F/L P H Lee

Wednesday 19th August 1959 [AIR 29/2699][AIR 27/2864/2][AIR 27/2813/82]

Glasgow UAS main party departed at the end of their Summer Camp. The additional 4 aircraft were up for disposal by 41Gp. Durham UAS arrived for their Summer Camp. 2 Camps [23.8-6.9] & [6-20.9] They also took over 1 aircraft from Bristol UAS* & 3 from Glasgow UAS**				
WZ849		Chipmunk T.10	DUAS	[S/L D L Eley]
[WD332]		Chipmunk T.10	DUAS	[F/L T S Rayner]
[WP975]		Chipmunk T.10	DUAS	[F/L W J Morris]
[WZ858]		Chipmunk T.10	DUAS	[F/L N Barras]
[WB738]		Chipmunk T.10**	DUAS	[F/O B J Jones]
[WP904]		Chipmunk T.10**	DUAS	[F/L I D Brimson]
[WP976]		Chipmunk T.10**	DUAS	
[WP851]		Chipmunk T.10*	DUAS	
WL692	[P]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate CRD 6, F/L P H Lee

Thursday 20th August 1959 [AIR 27/2831/80]

WL793	O	Shackleton MR.2	204 Sqn	PD W/C A P Dart
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Tuesday 25th August 1959 [AIR 4/174]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XE885:43 to & from Swinderby [Adam]				

Thursday 27th August 1959 [AIR 27/2769/90][AIR 27/2718/16]

VL357		Anson C.19*	275 Sqn	F/L Angell
*From and to Horsham St Faith.				
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XJ723		Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	M/P Dougan
CASEVAC injured civilian from Llanidloes Hospital to Gobowen Orthopaedic Hospital, landed at Shawbury to refuel on the return to Valley.				

Saturday 29th August 1959 [AIR 27/2893/1][AIR 29/1304]

Colwyn Bay RAFA/ROC [Royal Observer Corps] Air Display. [Royal Air Force Association]				
		Javelin FAW.7*	1 GWTS	F/L Jones & F/L Neville
*Flypast at Colwyn Bay for the RAFA Display.				
		Vampire	7 FTS	F/L D Proctor
Aerobatic display at Colwyn Bay.				
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The following aircraft also displayed but NOT from Valley.				
WH916	-	Canberra B.2	35 Sqn	
		Valiant	232 OCU	F/L A V Potter
		12x Hunter	111 Sqn	From RAF Gaydon
		Hunter	4 Sqn	F/L A Bendell

Monday 31st August 1959 [Robert Bagshaw Logbook*][MB]

The 17 members of the Valley MRT were based at Llanbedr and a search for aircraft wreckage was carried out along the coast from Aberystwyth to the tip of the Llyn Peninsula. This was part of a widespread sea and land search for traces of Victor B.2 XH668 A&AEE which disappeared on 20.8.59. the team found a few items which may have been part of the aircraft.

Whilst at 54,000ft the starboard wing tip pitot probe detached due to fatigue failure. This resulted in the system detecting a stall condition which in turn extended the wing leading edges and lowered the elevators. The aircraft then entered a steep dive and broke up, crashing into the sea off St Brides Bay, Milford Haven. All the crew were killed despite the Captain ejecting just prior to impact. Over a 14-month period 46 ships were involved in the salvage operation which involved 11,069 deep sea trawls which recovered 592,610 pieces of wreckage equating to 70% of the aircraft.

The crew were:
S/L Raymond James Morgan

S/L Gerald Breakspere Stockman F/L Ronald John Hannaford F/L Lewis Nicholas Williams Mr R H Williams – Handley Page Ltd.				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD589:[50] XK588 from 1 FTS to 7 FTS. *Anson C.19 TX209 Valley Station Flight, F/L Mee to and from Aldergrove.				

September 1959 [AIR 27/2893/1]

		Javelin FAW.7*	1 GWTS	
Seven visits in September to Coltishall for Firestreak arming time trials.				

Friday 4th September 1959 [AIR 27/2802/42][AIR 27/2784/42]

WZ377	-	Valiant B[PR].1	90 Sqn	PD S/L D H Williams
WJ677	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	PD F/L B E Rutherford

Sunday 6th September 1959 [AIR 29/2699]

Based noted: Anson C.19 Station Flight [F/L Burton] Took off to search for a boat missing around 15nms off Nevin. After returning to refuel he flew back to guide the lifeboat to the scene.				

Wednesday 9th September 1959 [AIR 29/2952][MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD606 & XE849 delivered from 1 FTS to 7 FTS. [their respective F78 quote 10.9 but the 1 FTS ORB says 9.9]				

Tuesday 15th September 1959 [AIR 29/2699][AIR 29/2952][AIR 29/2637]

XE885	47	Vampire T.11	7 FTS	F/L R Hillman
Force landing at High Ercall due to engine vibration. Engine change carried out by CNCS, Shawbury and aircraft flown back to Valley 17.9.59.				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD620:[60] & XH362 both from 1 FTS to 7 FTS.				

Wednesday 16th September 1959 [Robert Bagshaw Logbook*]

WZ558	46	Vampire T.11*	7 FTS	Local
Based noted: *Vampire T.11 WZ558:46 7 FTS local flight with F/L Latham.				

Thursday 17th September 1959 [AIR 27/2739/20]

WP213	-	Valiant B.1*	18 Sqn	S/L T D A Laman
*BoB Flypast practice, Valley-Jurby-Aldergrove-Valley-Cosford-Gaydon				

Friday 18th September 1959 [AIR 27/2893/1][AIR 27/2868/28][AIR 29/2700]

		4x Javelin FAW.7*	1 GWTS	Flypast practice for 19.9
WJ640	-	Canberra B.2	51 Sqn	Arrived 17:20 for the Static

Based noted:

All below attended Battle of Britain Displays.
 Vampire FB[TT].5 WA332:35 7 FTS Colerne BoB display [F/O Ginger]
 Vampire T.11 7 FTS Jurby BoB display [F/L Rose]
 Vampire FB.5/9 7 FTS Jurby BoB display [F/L Blanford]
 Vampire T.11 7 FTS Aldergrove BoB display [F/L Blann]
 Vampire FB.5/9 7 FTS Aldergrove BoB [P/O Radford]
 Vampire FB.9 WX230:12 7 FTS Bassingbourn BoB, static.

Saturday 19th September 1959 [AB N Evans][KR][AIR 29/2700]

RAF Valley 'Battle of Britain' Display

RAF Valley open: 11:00-16:45.

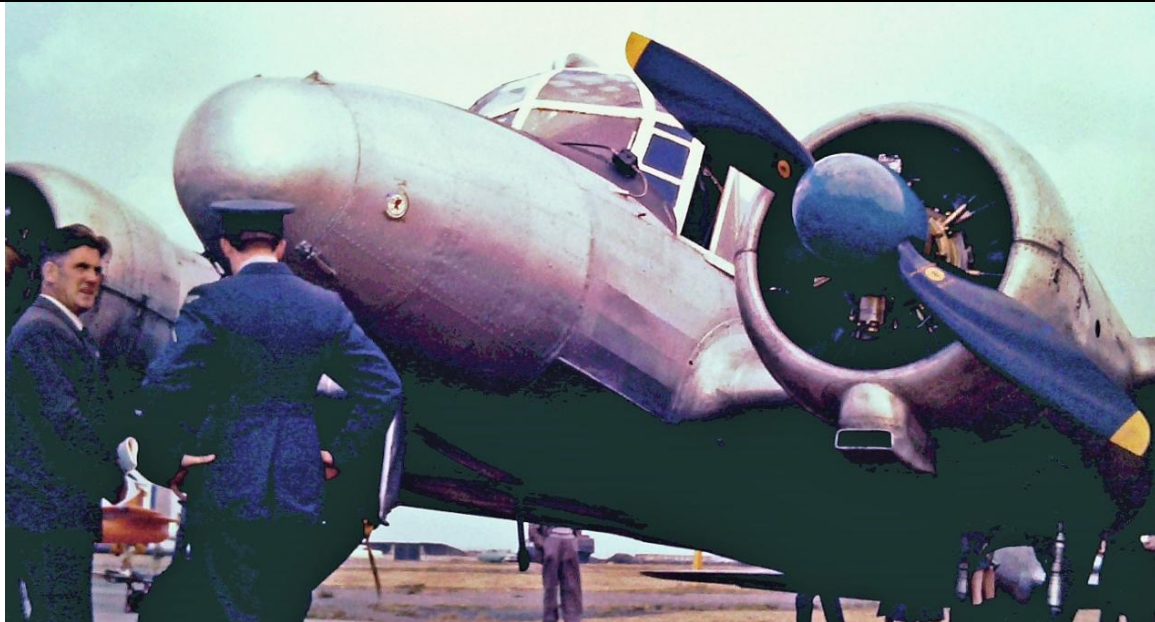
Weather was excellent during the morning but by afternoon it was overcast at 4,500-5,000ft. Runway 14 was the main runway in use but as the 4 Javelins taxied a fuel bowser became bogged down in the sand blocking the taxiway, the Javelins then departed on Runway 32.



[National Archives]

Static:

Serial	Code	Type	Unit	Home Base/Notes
TX209		Anson C.19	Valley SF	Station Flight



[Ken Richards]

WJ640	-	Canberra B.2	51 Sqn	F/L Halton-Morris from Watton
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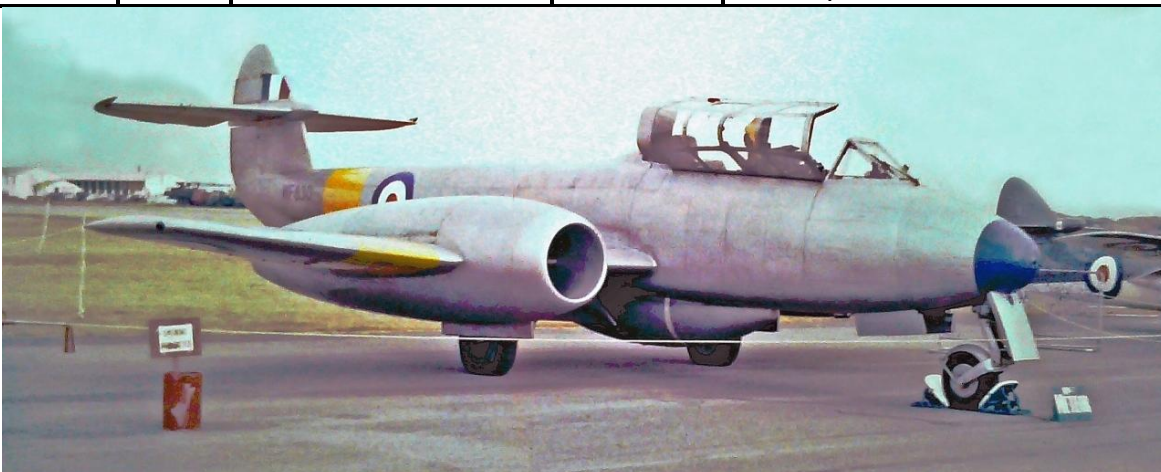
[Ken Richards]

WZ849		Chipmunk T.10	DUAS	Durham UAS
XF934	C	Hunter F.4	CFS	Little Rissington or XF943
XF981	K	Hunter F.4	RAFFC	Strubby
XH784	C	Javelin FAW.7	1 GWTS	Valley



[Both: Ken Richards]

WF830	-	Meteor T.7	RAFFC	Strubby
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[Ken Richards]

WS723	K	Meteor NF.14	228 OCU	Leeming
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[Ken Richards]

XF888	M-K	Provost T.1	6 FTS	Ternhill
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[Ken Richards]

WJ481	N-A	Valetta T.3	RAFFC	Cranwell
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[Ken Richards]

WZ369	-	Valiant B.1	232 OCU	Gaydon
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With the 3 Varsities from 2 ANS in the left background [All Ken Richards]



[Tudor Rowlands]

WR266	17	Vampire FB[TT].9	7 FTS	Valley
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[Ken Richards]

XE872	51	Vampire T.11	7 FTS	Valley
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[Ken Richards]

WL668	O	Varsity T.1	CNCS	Shawbury
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[Both Ken Richards]

XE451	175	Seahawk FGA.6	806 NAS	From Brawdy
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[Both: Ken Richards]



[Tudor Rowlands]

WT987

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Skyraider AEW.1

849 NAS

Culdrose



With Meteor NF.14 WS723 behind
[Steve Bond Collection]

Flying:

Aircraft operating out of Valley would do so from 1 Sqn/7 FTS dispersal which is now on the Beach side where the Texans operate.

TG623	[-]	Hastings MET.1*	202 Sqn	F/L R J K Nicholas
*Routed Aldergrove-Valley-Jurby-Aldergrove [AIR 27/2829/18]				
XG209	C	Hunter F.6	CFE	Yellow spine
XE652	D	Hunter F.6	CFE	Yellow spine
[XF384]	U	Hunter F.6	CFE	Red spine
XH782	A	Javelin FAW.7	1 GWTS	Valley Flypast
XH900	D	Javelin FAW.7	1 GWTS	Valley Flypast
XH901	E	Javelin FAW.7	1 GWTS	Valley Flypast



Taxying off Runway 32. [Ken Richards]

XH902	F	Javelin FAW.7**	1 GWTS	Valley Flypast
**The Javelins also displayed at Jurby, IoM.				
WH123		Meteor T.7	5 Sqn	
WH169		Meteor T.7	RAFFC	

WH191		Meteor T.7	RAFFC	
WH201		Meteor T.7	RAFFC	
WL166		Meteor F.8	RAFFC	
WL367		Meteor T.7	RAFFC	
WL370		Meteor T.7	RAFFC	
XF692	M-A	Provost T.1	6 FTS	
XF613	P-X	Provost T.1	[1 FTS]	
XF906	Q-O	Provost T.1	[6 FTS]	
WP211	-	Valiant B.1	18 Sqn	S/L T D A Luman
XE885	47	Vampire T.11	7 FTS	Valley
XH368	52	Vampire T.11	7 FTS	Valley
XE852	58	Vampire T.11	7 FTS	Valley
XE851	61	Vampire T.11	7 FTS	Valley
XK664	66	Vampire T.11	7 FTS	Valley
7 FTS had an Aerobatic Team flying 4 Vampires. Pilots were, Lead F/Sgt Laurie Adlington, F/Lt's Ian Fraser, Pat Reeve & F/O Andy Maitland. F/L D A Proctor flew a solo display.				
		4x Vampire T.11	1 FTS	'The Linton Blacks'
Led by F/L [later AVM] G Black, did they land, no mention in the Valley ORB? If they did these are possible aircraft with smoke generators* on the tail booms: XK625:50* WZ571:52* WZ464:[66]* WZ459:71* XD619:62				
WL630	F	Varsity T.1	2 ANS	
WJ889	T	Varsity T.1	2 ANS	
WL672	V	Varsity T.1	2 ANS	
		[Valiant]		[Finningley was due to display?]
XA934	-	Victor B.1	232 OCU	From Gaydon
XA911	-	Vulcan B.1*	83 Sqn	F/L M Hempstead.
*Flew Bomber Command Route 7, from and to Waddington.				
XJ729	J	Whirlwind HAR.4	22 Sqn	Valley
	[173]	Seahawk FGA.6	806 NAS	Brawdy
[WV799]	178	Seahawk FGA.6	806 NAS	Cdr P Carmichael
[WV915]	182	Seahawk FGA.6	806 NAS	Or WV856 ?
XE371	184	Seahawk FGA.6	806 NAS	
[During 9.59 806 NAS were operating: XE451:175 XE330:176 XE437:177 WV799:178 WV868:179 WV915:182 WV806:183 XE371:184 WV851:185 XE342:187 WV908:188 XE489:189]				
		B-66B	47 BW	From Alconbury
Possibly 54-0484:BB-484:R 85BS/47 BW which did a flypast at Cottesmore ? Or a RB-66 from 10 TRW Alconbury ?				
		2x F-101C	81 FBW	Bentwaters flypast
G-AHKB	-	DH.89A Rapide	Private	Pleasure flights, Haverfordwest
VS565	-	Anson C.21	FTCCS	Visitor
F/L Mercer & M/N Dixon with AVM Grahame from Syerston to White Waltham.				

Based noted: Meteor F.8 WA824:[Q] 7462M Fire Section

Sunday 20th September 1959 [AIR 27/2864/2]

Durham UAS departed at the end of their Summer Camp.				
		?x Chipmunk T.10	DUAS	To Ouston

Tuesday 22nd September 1959 [AIR 27/2813/84][AIR 27/2784/42]

		Javelin FAW.7	1 GWTS	To Coltishall
Became unserviceable at Coltishall, groundcrew sent from Valley, aircraft returned 29.6				
WL685	[S]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate BABS F/L B Howe
WJ732	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	PD F/L L Topper

Wednesday 23rd September 1959 [AIR 27/2813/84]

WL685	[S]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate BABS F/L B Howe
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Thursday 24th September 1959 [AIR 27/2889/80][AIR 29/2699][AIR 27/2769/92]

VV253	-	Anson C.21	MCS	S/L W P Swaby
From and to Northolt, arrived 12:15 and departed 15:00.				
WZ558	46	Vampire T.11	7 FTS	F/O A G Maitland
Experienced hypoxia at approx. 27,000ft, checked his oxygen fittings and found the quick release union was disconnected.				
XJ729	[J]	Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Braybrook
CASEVAC from Llanidloes to Shawbury where an Anson was waiting to take the patient to Northolt.				

Monday 28th September 1959 [Robert Bagshaw Logbook*]**[MB]**

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD534:41 7 FTS for refinishing [repaint – where ?] *Vampire T.11 [XH335] local flying with S/L Shuster.				

Tuesday 29th September 1959 [AIR 27/2813/84][AIR 27/2784/42]**[MB]**

		Javelin FAW.7	1 GWTS	From Coltishall, see 22.9
WL688	[G]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate CRD6 F/O Erasmus
WJ641	-	Canberra B.2	50 Sqn	PD F/O K Walker
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XE884:43 7 FTS transferred to 5 FTS.				

Wednesday 30th September 1959 [Robert Bagshaw Logbook*]

[XH335]		Vampire T.11*		Local
Based noted:				

*Vampire T.11 [XH335] local flight with F/L Becker.

Friday 2nd October 1959 [AIR 27/2868/30]

WJ640	-	Canberra B.2	51 Sqn	To Watton M/P Harris, see 18.9
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Monday 5th October 1959 [Robert Bagshaw Logbook*][AIR 27/2807/100][AIR 27/2802/44][AIR 27/2769/94]

WP223	-	Valiant B[PR].1	90 Sqn	PD F/L J A Robinson
XH475	-	Vulcan B.1	101 Sqn	PD S/L N E Wilkins
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XJ729	[J]	Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	M/P Dougan
Scrambled at 16:25 to a capsized boat near Trefor on the Nevin Peninsula. F/L F Whittingham returning from Shawbury in a Vampire T.11 [XD397] joined in the search. He found the boat and homed the helicopter to it. 3 adults & a boy were picked up and transferred to the shore where people from a nearby caravan site gave them attention. F/L Whittingham had diverted to Shawbury and was returning to Valley.				
Based noted: *Vampire T.11 XE849 7 FTS local flight with M/P Kirkham.				

Tuesday 6th October 1959 [AIR 27/2856/36]

XH483	-	Vulcan B.1	617 Sqn	PD S/L Hamley
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Wednesday 7th October 1959 [AIR 27/2769/90]

XJ729	[J]	Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	M/P Dougan
Scrambled to the aid of a USAF Aeronca but Police and the Safety services were already there, helicopter recalled.				

Thursday 8th October 1959 [AIR 27/2856/36][AIR 29/2498]

XH486	-	Vulcan B.1	617 Sqn	PD S/L A Smailes
XA898	-	Vulcan B.1	230 OCU	PD S/L A Smailes/AVM J G Davis

Friday 9th October 1959 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XK590:45 refinishing complete back to 7 FTS.				

Monday 12th October 1959 [AIR 27/2751/20]

WJ751	-	Canberra B.2	35 Sqn	PD S/L D A Dobbie
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Tuesday 13th October 1959 [AIR 27/2728/46][AIR 29/2699][AIR 27/2777]

WZ378	-	Valiant B[PR].1	7 Sqn	Diversion S/L A Veale 21:11
WZ381	-	Valiant B[PR].1	7 Sqn	Diversion F/L B Wellicome 22:36
WL737	D	Shackleton MR.2*	42 Sqn	W/C B W Parsons
*From and to St Mawgan.				

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XE829	62	Vampire T.11	7 FTS	P/O J R Owen
On a cross country to Chivenor encountered problems with the fuel gauge and diverted to Bovingdon before returning to Valley.				

Wednesday 14th October 1959 [Robert Bagshaw Logbook*]

WZ378	-	Valiant B[PR].1	7 Sqn	Departed 10:41
WZ381	-	Valiant B[PR].1	7 Sqn	Departed 11:18
Based noted: *Vampire T.11 XK590:45 7 FTS local flight with F/L Becker. *Anson TX209 Valley Station Flight visited Acklington [F/L D Mee]				

Friday 16th October 1959 [BJ]

G-APTE	-	WS-51 Widgeon 1	Bristows	To Speke
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Tuesday 20th October 1959 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD534:41 refinishing complete back to 7 FTS, see 28.9.59				

Friday 23rd October 1959 [AIR 27/2889/78][AB]

VV968		Anson T.21		To & from Squires Gate
TX165	[CB-W]	Anson C.19*	MCS	F/O E A Corbett
*From and to Northolt, arrived 10:35 and departed 12:15.				
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XH362		Vampire T.11	7 FTS	W/C K S Booth
Took avoiding action on a Constellation at 12,000ft on a reciprocal course, missed by 200yds.				

Monday 26th October 1959 [AIR 29/2699]

XE829	62	Vampire T.11	7 FTS	P/O R Free.
Whilst returning to Valley from Oakington encountered problems with the fuel gauge and diverted to Shawbury before returning to Valley, see also 13.10.59.				

Tuesday 27th October 1959 [AIR 29/2699]

Flying cancelled due to 70kt gale force winds, lasted 2 days.				
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Wednesday 28th October 1959 [AIR 27/2813/86]

WL688	[G]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate CRD6, F/S A Todd
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Friday 30th October 1959 [AIR 29/1304]

		Canberra T.4	Gaydon SF	Diversion from Gaydon
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Monday 2nd November 1959 [AIR 27/2769/96]

XJ729	[J]	Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	M/P Leyden
Person believed drowned off Hoylake, on arrival found face down on a sandbank, CPR administered, and the body lowered onto Hoylake Lifeboat deck, but pronounced dead.				

Tuesday 3rd November 1959 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XH303:53 7 FTS for refinishing/painting.				

Wednesday 4th November 1959 [AIR 27/2739/24]

WZ365	-	Valiant B.1*	18 Sqn	PD F/L M P Flint
*Practice diversions also at Aldergrove & Dishforth.				

Tuesday 17th November 1959 [AIR 29/2699][AIR 27/2829/22][IBCCA][AIR 27/2839/74]

		C-47		Diversion
		C-47		Diversion
		Neptune	French	Diversion
		Neptune	French	Diversion
		Neptune	French	Diversion
		Varsity T.1		Diversion
		Varsity T.1		Diversion
TG566		Hastings Met.1	202 Sqn	Diversion, M/P F Radina
VV981		Anson C.21*	HQ CCCF	F/S Vickers
*From Jurby to Bovingdon [Coastal Command Communications Flight]				
WL747	[V]	Shackleton MR.2	210 Sqn	Diversion F/L B W Watson
Arrived 18:30 & departed to Ballykelly 20:00.				

Wednesday 18th November 1959 [AIR 27/2829/22]

TG566		Hastings Met.1	202 Sqn	To Aldergrove, see 17.11
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Thursday 19th November 1959 [AIR 29/2699][AIR 27/2829/22]

		Shackleton		Diversion
		Anson		Diversion
TG566		Hastings Met.1	202 Sqn	Diversion, F/L H M Pearson
		Valetta		Diversion

Friday 20th November 1959 [AIR 27/2829/22]

TG566		Hastings Met.1	202 Sqn	To Aldergrove, see 19.11
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Wednesday 25th November 1959 [AIR 27/2739/24]

WZ372	-	Valiant B.1*	18 Sqn	PD S/L B L Collings
*PD's also at Aldergrove & Dishforth.				

Thursday 26th November 1959 [AIR 27/2739/24]

WZ365	-	Valiant B.1*	18 Sqn	PD S/L T D A Lunam
*Also carried out a PD at St Mawgan.				

Monday 30th November 1959 [AIR 27/2739/24][AIR 27/2821/82]

WP215	-	Valiant B.1*	18 Sqn	PD F/L J Sands
*PD also at Aldergrove.				
XD821	-	Valiant BK.1	148 Sqn	Diversion F/L R D Alexander 22:24
XD819	-	Valiant BK.1	148 Sqn	Diversion S/L K Smith 22:25

Tuesday 1st December 1959 [AIR 29/2699]

[XB267]	[B]	Beverley C.1*	47 Sqn	Diversion
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Although undated this image is almost certainly from this date or possibly the 7th December diversions. [Alan Sharp]

		Beverley C.1*		Diversion
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*All diverted in from Abingdon. 47 & 53 Sqn's were based at Abingdon and were operating to Aldergrove during the first week in December but no mention of Valley in the Sqn ORB's.

Wednesday 2nd December 1959 [AIR 27/2821/84]

XD819	-	Valiant BK.1	148 Sqn	S/L K Smith, to Marham 11:00.
WZ379	-	Valiant B[PR].1*	148 Sqn	F/L Hodgson
*From and to Marham, arrived 15:19 and departed 16:55.				

Thursday 3rd December 1959 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XH303:53 refinish complete back to 7 FTS, see 3.11.59				

Friday 4th December 1959 [AIR 29/2699]

	-	Valiant*		Diversion
*Diverted whilst en-route Goose Bay-Marham. After refuelling and customs clearance it departed to its home base Honington.				

Saturday 5th December 1959

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XE885:47 7 FTS visited Wattisham.				

Sunday 6th December 1959 [AIR 29/2699]

		Beverley		Diversion
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Monday 7th December 1959 [AIR 29/2699]

		Beverley		Diversion
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		Vampire	7 FTS	
Burst tyre on landing on runway 08, no damage.				
Pilot	F/L	A Fraser		Ok

Wednesday 9th December 1959 [AIR 27/2856/98][AIR 29/2699][AIR 29/1304][MB]

	-	Valiant B.*	232 OCU	Diversion F/L E E Fell
*Diverted due to fog at RAF Gaydon.				
XH368	52	Vampire T.11	7 FTS	F/L A Fraser
Unable to lower nosewheel, landed on 14, repairable.				
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XJ728	-	Whirlwind HAR.2	22 Sqn	M/P A T Davidson

Scrambled to assist with a Vampire precautionary landing due to undercarriage problems, see XH368 above.



Undated, this is the old 22 Sqn dispersal on the NW corner of the Airfield. [Alan Sharp]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD589:[50] 7 FTS for refinishing [repaint]				
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Thursday 10th December 1959 [AIR 29/2699][AIR 27/2850/35]

HB-ECG	-	Beech Bonanza*	M Wirz	Radio failure
*Arrived unannounced whilst en-route Swansea-Speke, departed 11.12.				
WK162	-	Canberra B.2**	245 Sqn	Diversion, F/L I C Mills

****Diverted whilst on a Northern Calibration Flight, departed back to Tangmere same day.**

Friday 11th December 1959 [AIR 27/2777]

WR952	E	Shackleton MR.2*	42 Sqn	S/L E W Willey
*From and to St Mawgan.				

Monday 14th December 1959 [AIR 27/2815/92][AIR 27/2731/20][AIR 29/2699][AIR 27/2751/24][AIR 27/2813/90]

WP200	-	Valiant B.1*	138 Sqn	Diversion F/L B J Conchie 22:00
WZ389	-	Valiant B[PR]K.1*	138 Sqn	Diversion F/L D Briggs 22:03
WZ384	-	Valiant B[PR].1*	138 Sqn	Diversion F/L D MacDougall 21:45
XD866	-	Valiant BK.1*	138Sqn	Diversion F/L B Brown 22:35
*All diverted in whilst on cross-country flights.				
WH984	-	Canberra B.6	9 Sqn	Diversion F/O D K Kelly
From and to Coningsby 13:50/16:35.				
WH909	-	Canberra B.2	35 Sqn	PD F/O D P Dwyer
WH920	-	Canberra B.2	35 Sqn	PD F/O J E Tootell
WL684	[B]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate GCA, F/L D A Churcher

Tuesday 15th December 1959 [AIR 27/2815/92][AIR 2821/84][AIR 29/2699][AIR 27/2813/90]

WP200	-	Valiant B.1*	138 Sqn	F/L B J Conchie dep 15:56
WZ389	-	Valiant B[PR]K.1*	138 Sqn	F/L D Briggs dep 11:06
WZ384	-	Valiant B[PR].1*	138 Sqn	F/L D J MacDougall dep 09:57
XD866	-	Valiant BK.1*	138Sqn	F/L B Brown dep 12:25
*All departed back to Wittering				
XD821	-	Valiant BK.1	148 Sqn	Diversion F/L R D Alexander 19:25
WZ379	-	Valiant B[PR].1	148 Sqn	Diversion F/L J E Bremner-Young
WL684	[B]	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Calibrate GCA, F/L D A Churcher

Wednesday 16th December 1959 [AIR 2821/84]

XD821	-	Valiant BK.1	148 Sqn	Dep 10:25
				
[Alan Sharp]				
WZ379	-	Valiant B[PR].1	148 Sqn	Dep 10:30
VW821	821	Valetta C.1	84/233 Sqn	See photo above

Thursday 17th December 1959 [AIR 2872/132]

WH980	-	Canberra B.6	76 Sqn	PD F/L D J Kay
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Friday 18th December 1959 [logbook]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 WZ512: 7 FTS F/L Cannon visited Swinderby.				

Sunday 20th December 1959 [AIR 29/2699]

		Meteor*	[5 CAACU]	Diversion
		Meteor*	[5 CAACU]	Diversion
*Diverted in from Woodvale.				

Monday 21st December 1959 [AIR 27/2893/1][Steve Bond][MB]

1 GWTS 1st live Firestreak Missile firing by Javelin FAW.7 XH784:C [W/C Harland & F/L Neville] Javelin FAW.7 photochase [F/L Keppie & Bond] Meteor U.15 VW293:M drone destroyed by a direct hit. Missile launched at 30,000ft/M 0.91 at a range of 3,000yds.  Seen here with stablemate U.15 RA439:V at Llanbedr prior to its demise. [Tudor Rowlands Collection]				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XE829 7 FTS to 27 MU. Vampire T.11 XK588 7 FTS to refinish.				

Wednesday 23rd December 1959 [AIR 29/2699]

RAF Valley stood down for Christmas Grant.				
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Saturday 26th December 1959 [AIR 29/2699]

Gale force winds, mean speed 46kts max. 63kts