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# RAF Valley

## Aircraft Movements

### 1960

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#### SUMMARY

1 GWTS Missile Trials continued.

#### Abbreviations

| Abbreviations |                                                 |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| AHU           | Aircraft Handling Unit [RN]                     |
| BABS          | Blind Approach Beacon System                    |
| [F]BW         | [Fighter] Bomber Wing [USAF]                    |
| CAACU         | Civilian Anti-Aircraft Co-operation Unit        |
| CASEVAC       | Casualty Evacuation                             |
| CAW           | College of Air Warfare                          |
| CCCF          | Coastal Command Communications Flight           |
| CFS           | Central Flying School                           |
| FCCS          | Fighter Command Communications Squadron         |
| FTCCS         | Flying Training Command Communications Squadron |
| FTS           | Flying Training School                          |
| GCA           | Ground Controlled Approach                      |

|         |                                                    |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------|
| GWDS    | Guided Weapons Development Squadron                |
| GWTS    | Guided Weapons Trials Squadron                     |
| HQ CCCF | Headquarters Coastal Command Communications Flight |
| HQ FC   | Headquarters Fighter Command                       |
| MCS     | Metropolitan Communications Squadron               |
| MoA     | Ministry of Aviation                               |
| MOTU    | Maritime Operational Training Unit                 |
| MPC     | Missile Practice Camp                              |
| NAS     | Naval Air Squadron                                 |
| OCU     | Operational Conversion Unit                        |
| PD      | Practice Diversion                                 |
| RAFFC   | Royal Air Force Flying College                     |
| RRE     | Radar Research Establishment                       |
| Sqn     | Squadron                                           |
| TRW     | Tactical Reconnaissance Wing [USAF]                |
| UAS     | University Air Squadron                            |

**1960**

These are a set of images taken by **Alan Sharp** almost certainly in 1960 or possibly late 1959.



Most probably taken from a 22 Sqn Whirlwind.

The T2 hangar at bottom centre was dismantled in the 1960's to be replaced by the larger

Gaydon type Hangar. Additionally, the new ATC Tower [opened March 1963] hasn't been built yet. The old American Operations buildings can be seen centre with the Flight Watch Tower. A Vampire is being refuelled on VASF.

XH783

B

Javelin FAW.7

1 GWTS



Landing on 19.

[WL621]

A

Varsity T.1

[115 Sqn]



Lined up on 19 for departure.

[WF330]

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Varsity T.1

CCCF

Coastal Command Comms Flt



Parked on the South side of the airfield.

13527

VC-527

C-45F

R Canadian AF



Parked on VASF.

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|-------|---|------------|--------|--|
| XF433 | G | Hunter F.6 | 65 Sqn |  |
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Parked on VASF.

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| WH--- | - | Canberra B.2 |  |  |
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Parked on VASF. A Vampire and what appears to be an Anson are also present.

# **January 1960** [AIR 27/2893]

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| 1 GWTS Javelins flew 44h15m during the month, 2 missiles fired. |  |  |  |  |
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## **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 1960** [AIR 27/2893/1]

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 GWTS<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH783:B [F/L Keppie & F/L Tanner]<br>*Firestreak missile fired at a Meteor U.15 target. |  |  |  |  |
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## **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 1960** [AIR 27/2769/100][AIR 29/2668]

|                                                                                                                    |   |              |         |                           |
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| 1 GWTS<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH784:C [Lt Davidson RN & F/L Bond]<br>*Firestreak missile fired at a Meteor U.15 target. |   |              |         |                           |
|                                                                                                                    | - | Valiant B.** | 232 OCU | Diversion S/L B T Millett |

|                                                                          |   |                 |        |                  |
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| **Weather diversion due to fog at RAF Gaydon.                            |   |                 |        |                  |
| -                                                                        |   |                 |        |                  |
| XJ432                                                                    | - | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | M/P A T Davidson |
| CASEVAC [Brain & facial injuries] from Machynlleth to Walton, Liverpool. |   |                 |        |                  |

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 1960** [AIR 27/2739/28][AIR 29/2699][AIR 27/2813/92][AIR 27/2850/37]

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |     |               |         |                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------|---------|------------------------------|
| WH869                                                                                                                                                                                                                | -   | Canberra B.2* | 245 Sqn | Diversion, F/L N M North     |
| *Diverted whilst on a Northern Calibration Flight, departed back to Tangmere same day.                                                                                                                               |     |               |         |                              |
| WJ945                                                                                                                                                                                                                | [H] | Varsity T.1   | 115 Sqn | Calibrate GCA, F/L T Hemsley |
| WZ365                                                                                                                                                                                                                | -   | Valiant B.1   | 18 Sqn  | PD F/L K W C Inson           |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XE852:58 7 FTS P/O A P S Jones<br>Nosewheel door opened in flight, no damage and aircraft landed safely.<br>Vampire T.11 XE857:49 7 FTS P/O D J Smith hydraulic failure, landed safely. |     |               |         |                              |

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 1960** [@MAR 08/23]

|                                   |  |            |      |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------|------|--|
| TX154                             |  | Anson C.10 | FCCS |  |
| Routed: Kinloss-Prestwick-Valley. |  |            |      |  |

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 1960** [AIR 27/2769/100][AIR 27/2813/92]

|                                                                       |     |                 |         |                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------|---------|------------------------------|
| WF371                                                                 | [L] | Varsity T.1     | 115 Sqn | F/L K Forster, Calibrate GCA |
| -                                                                     |     |                 |         |                              |
| XJ432                                                                 | -   | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn  | M/P J Degan                  |
| CASEVAC [collapsed lung] from Llanbedr to Walton Hospital, Liverpool. |     |                 |         |                              |

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 1960** [AIR 27/2751/26]

|       |   |              |        |                   |
|-------|---|--------------|--------|-------------------|
| WH920 | - | Canberra B.2 | 35 Sqn | PD W/C G Newberry |
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**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 1960** [AIR 27/2872/134]

|                                                                |   |               |        |                             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|---|---------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| WH976                                                          | - | Canberra B.6* | 76 Sqn | Diversion S/L J F G Stonham |
| *Diverted whilst enroute Luqa-Upwood due to weather, see 16.5. |   |               |        |                             |

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 1960** [AIR 27/2731/32][AIR 27/2872/134]

|                        |   |              |        |                           |
|------------------------|---|--------------|--------|---------------------------|
| WT209                  | - | Canberra B.6 | 9 Sqn  | F/O J Grundon             |
| From and to Coningsby. |   |              |        |                           |
| WJ756                  | - | Canberra B.6 | 9 Sqn  | S/L A Bowman to Coningsby |
| WH976                  | - | Canberra B.6 | 76 Sqn | To Alconbury, see 15.1    |

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 1960** [AIR 27/2751/26]

|       |   |              |        |                   |
|-------|---|--------------|--------|-------------------|
| WH916 | - | Canberra B.2 | 35 Sqn | PD W/C G Newberry |
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**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 1960** [AIR 27/2728/52][AIR 29/2699]

|       |   |                 |       |                    |
|-------|---|-----------------|-------|--------------------|
| WZ378 | - | Valiant B[PR].1 | 7 Sqn | PD W/C B P Mugford |
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| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XE857:49 7 FTS P/O D J Smith<br>Landed safely after the undercarriage was lowered manually due to a hydraulic leak. |  |  |  |  |
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**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1960** [AIR 27/2751/26]

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|-------|---|--------------|--------|-------------------|
| WH913 | - | Canberra B.2 | 35 Sqn | PD F/L M D Porter |
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**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 1960** [AIR 27/2728/52][AIR 27/2872/134][IBCCA]

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| XD830                                                                                    | - | Valiant BK.1    | 7 Sqn   | Diversion F/L B Wickham 22:40 |
| WH962                                                                                    | - | Canberra B.6*   | 76 Sqn  | Diversion F/L B E Rutherford  |
| *Diverted whilst enroute Idris-Upwood landing 11:45, see 27.1.                           |   |                 |         |                               |
| WR951                                                                                    | Q | Shackleton MR.2 | 204 Sqn | M/P Burgess                   |
| Used the Anglesey Range [Ty Croes?] for bombing and photography, did NOT land at Valley. |   |                 |         |                               |

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 1960** [AIR 27/2802/48]

|                                                                                                                                       |   |              |        |                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------|--------|----------------------|
| XD865                                                                                                                                 | - | Valiant BK.1 | 90 Sqn | Diversion, AVM Dwyer |
| With W/C Hazlewood, from RAF Goose Bay. This flight had routed: Honington-Lajes-Kindley-Barksdale-Vandenberg-Offutt-Goose Bay-Valley. |   |              |        |                      |

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 1960** [AIR 27/2728/52][AIR 27/2731/32][AIR 27/2872/134][AIR 27/2751/26][AIR 27/2850/37][MB]

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| XD830                                                                                 | - | Valiant BK.1 | 7 Sqn   | Departed 10:45              |
| WH762                                                                                 | - | Canberra B.6 | 9 Sqn   | S/L A G-Bowman to Coningsby |
| WH969                                                                                 | - | Canberra B.6 | 9 Sqn   | F/O R Boyce to Coningsby    |
| WH962                                                                                 | - | Canberra B.6 | 76 Sqn  | To Upwood, see 25.1         |
| WJ732                                                                                 | - | Canberra B.2 | 35 Sqn  | PD F/O A Foster             |
| WK162                                                                                 | - | Canberra B.2 | 245 Sqn | F/L I C Mills from Tangmere |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XD589:50 refinishing complete back to 7 FTS, see 9.12.59 |   |              |         |                             |

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 1960** [AIR 27/2802/48][AIR 27/2850/37]

|       |   |              |         |                        |
|-------|---|--------------|---------|------------------------|
| XD865 | - | Valiant BK.1 | 90 Sqn  | To Honington, see 26.1 |
| WK162 | - | Canberra B.2 | 245 Sqn | To Tangmere, see 27.1  |

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 1960** [AIR 27/2739/28][AIR 27/2731/32][AIR 29/2699][IBCCA][AIR 27/2975][MB]

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| WH949                                                                | -  | Canberra B.6    | 9 Sqn   | F/O D K Kelly                |
| From and to Coningsby.                                               |    |                 |         |                              |
| WH960                                                                | -  | Canberra B.6    | 9 Sqn   | F/O J M Pratley to Coningsby |
| WP216                                                                | -  | Valiant B.1     | 18 Sqn  | PD F/L J Sands               |
| WR951                                                                | Q  | Shackleton MR.2 | 204 Sqn | M/P Burgess                  |
| Anglesey Range [Ty Croes?] for skid bombing, did NOT land at Valley. |    |                 |         |                              |
| -                                                                    |    |                 |         |                              |
| XE885                                                                | 47 | Vampire T.11    | 7 FTS   |                              |

Nosewheel failed to lower so landed on a carpet of foam on Runway 20 at Valley, stopped 45yds short of the Runway 20/32 intersection.

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|-------|-----|--------------|----|
| Pilot | F/L | G A Winspear | Ok |
| -     |     |              |    |

Based noted:

Vampire T.11 XD458:[67] from 1 FTS to 7 FTS, see also 1.2.60  
 Vampire T.11 XE875 from RAFC then refinish to 7 FTS becoming '62'  
 Vampire T.11 XK588:59 back from refinish to 7 FTS.

**February 1960** [AIR 27/2893]

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 GWTS Javelins flew 36 sorties during the month, no missiles fired. |  |  |  |  |
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**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 1960** [AIR 27/2777][MB]

|                                                                                      |   |                 |        |                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------|--------|----------------|
| WL741                                                                                | D | Shackleton MR.2 | 42 Sqn | S/L E W Willey |
| From and to St Mawgan.                                                               |   |                 |        |                |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XD458:[67] 7 FTS transferred to 1 FTS, see also 29.1.60 |   |                 |        |                |

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 1960** [MB]

|                                                              |  |  |  |  |
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| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XH362 7 FTS to DH for refinish. |  |  |  |  |

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 1960** [AIR 27/2856/46][AIR 27/2751/28]

|       |   |              |         |                    |
|-------|---|--------------|---------|--------------------|
| XH501 | - | Vulcan B.1   | 617 Sqn | PD S/L Spargo      |
| WK130 | - | Canberra B.2 | 35 Sqn  | PD F/O A M Goodman |

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 1960** [AIR 27/2789/9][AIR 27/2758/47][AIR 27/2829/50]

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------|---------|-------------------------|
|                                                                          | -   | Canberra [B[I].8] | 59 Sqn  |                         |
| From and to Geilenkirchen, dropped off an Airman on compassionate leave. |     |                   |         |                         |
| WD485                                                                    | 485 | Hastings C.2      | 114 Sqn | Diversion, F/L D Salter |



Diversion whilst flying Luqa-Lyneham with 'Exercise Starlight II' [Alan Sharp]

|       |   |                   |         |                         |
|-------|---|-------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| XF705 | C | Shackleton MR.3/3 | 203 Sqn | Used the Anglesey range |
|-------|---|-------------------|---------|-------------------------|

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 1960** [AIR 27/2758/47]

|       |     |              |         |                      |
|-------|-----|--------------|---------|----------------------|
| WD485 | 485 | Hastings C.2 | 114 Sqn | To Lyneham, see 11.2 |
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**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 1960** [AIR 27/2751/28]

|       |   |              |        |                     |
|-------|---|--------------|--------|---------------------|
| WH910 | - | Canberra B.2 | 35 Sqn | PD F/L B A Sherlock |
|-------|---|--------------|--------|---------------------|

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 1960** [IBCCA]

|                        |  |            |         |              |
|------------------------|--|------------|---------|--------------|
| PH858                  |  | Anson C.19 | HQ CCCF | M/P Szmciarz |
| From and to Bovingdon. |  |            |         |              |

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1960** [AB]

|        |   |                |         |           |
|--------|---|----------------|---------|-----------|
| G-AJLW | - | DH.104 Dove 2B | Private | To Yeadon |
|--------|---|----------------|---------|-----------|

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1960** [AIR 27/2829/50]

|       |   |                   |         |                         |
|-------|---|-------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| WR975 | F | Shackleton MR.3/3 | 203 Sqn | Used the Anglesey range |
|-------|---|-------------------|---------|-------------------------|

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 1960** [AIR 27/2821/88][AIR 27/2835/90][Roundel 84/05]

|                                                                         |   |                  |         |                                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| XD874                                                                   | - | Valiant BK.1*    | 148 Sqn | Diversion F/L J E B-Young 01:10 |
| XD820                                                                   | - | Valiant BK.1*    | 148 Sqn | Diversion F/L J G Simms 01:20   |
| *Both departed to Marham same day at 13:45 & 14:00 respectively         |   |                  |         |                                 |
| WZ405                                                                   | - | Valiant B[PR]K.1 | 207 Sqn | W/C W Robertson 01:06/13:25     |
| XD873                                                                   | - | Valiant BK.1     | 207 Sqn | S/L S W Daniel 01:17/14:10      |
| XD875                                                                   | - | Valiant BK.1     | 207 Sqn | F/L A M Marwood 01:35/14:00     |
| Based noted:<br>Meteor F.8 WA824 7462M - Delivered to Valley Fire Dump. |   |                  |         |                                 |

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 1960** [AIR 29/2699][AIR 27/2813/94]

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| WL621                                                                                                                                                | [A] | Varsity T.1  | 115 Sqn | Calibrate TACAN, F/L K Forster |
| -                                                                                                                                                    |     |              |         |                                |
| XE857                                                                                                                                                | 49  | Vampire T.11 | 7 FTS   | F/L R Ward                     |
| Just short of the threshold with speed reducing to 105kts a high sink rate developed and the port wing tip & aileron contacted the runway, repaired. |     |              |         |                                |

**March 1960** [AIR 27/2893]

|                                                  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 GWTS flew 56 Javelin sorties during the month. |  |  |  |  |
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**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 1960** [AIR 29/2699]

|                                                                              |    |              |       |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|--------------|-------|------------|
| XK588                                                                        | 59 | Vampire T.11 | 7 FTS | F/L R Ward |
| Unreliable airspeed, shepherded down safely by another Vampire.              |    |              |       |            |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 WZ553:40 7 FTS visited Swinderby [P/O E Hudson] |    |              |       |            |

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1960** [AIR 27/2751/30]

|       |   |              |        |                   |
|-------|---|--------------|--------|-------------------|
| WH909 | - | Canberra B.2 | 35 Sqn | PD F/O P B Curtin |
|-------|---|--------------|--------|-------------------|

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 1960** [AIR 29/2699][AIR 27/2751/30]

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| WJ751                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | - | Canberra B.2 | 35 Sqn | PD W/C G Newberry |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XE864:40 7 FTS W/C K Booth visited Linton-on-Ouse.<br>Vampire T.11 XE849: [7 FTS] P/O Barter, Radio failure.<br>No history of XE849 serving with 7 FTS though, either :52 1 FTS or :61 5 FTS. |   |              |        |                   |

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 1960** [AIR 27/2872/138][AIR 27/2751/30][MB]

|                                                                                |   |               |        |                              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---------------|--------|------------------------------|
| WH979                                                                          | - | Canberra B.6  | 76 Sqn | Diversion F/O N E Cooke      |
| Diverted whilst on an air test landing at 11:00.                               |   |               |        |                              |
| WJ751                                                                          | - | Canberra B.2* | 35 Sqn | Diversion F/O B A Sherlock   |
| WH909                                                                          | - | Canberra B.2  | 35 Sqn | Diversion F/O P R Walton     |
| WH920                                                                          | - | Canberra B.2  | 35 Sqn | Diversion F/O M J Pilkington |
| WJ636                                                                          | - | Canberra B.2  | 35 Sqn | Diversion F/O C R Potter     |
| *From Upwood whilst conducting 'Exercise Marshmallow.'                         |   |               |        |                              |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XH362 refinish complete back to 7 FTS, see 4.2.60 |   |               |        |                              |

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 1960** [AIR 27/2872/138][AIR 27/2751/30][AIR 27/2829/52]

|                                               |   |                   |         |                         |
|-----------------------------------------------|---|-------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| WH979                                         | - | Canberra B.6*     | 76 Sqn  | F/O N E Cooke           |
| *Departed back to Upwood at 11:15, see 9.3.60 |   |                   |         |                         |
| WJ751                                         | - | Canberra B.2      | 35 Sqn  | To Upwood, see 10.3     |
| WH910                                         | - | Canberra B.2      | 35 Sqn  | PD F/O A M Goodman      |
| WH909                                         | - | Canberra B.2      | 35 Sqn  | To Upwood, see 9.3      |
| WH920                                         | - | Canberra B.2      | 35 Sqn  | To Upwood, see 9.3      |
| WJ636                                         | - | Canberra B.2      | 35 Sqn  | To Upwood, see 9.3      |
|                                               |   | Shackleton MR.3/3 | 203 Sqn | Used the Anglesey range |

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 1960** [AIR 27/2751/30]

|       |   |              |        |                   |
|-------|---|--------------|--------|-------------------|
| WH911 | - | Canberra B.2 | 35 Sqn | PD F/O P B Curtin |
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**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 1960** [AIR 27/2856/48][AIR 27/2850/41]

|                        |   |               |         |                     |
|------------------------|---|---------------|---------|---------------------|
| XH501                  | - | Vulcan B.1    | 617 Sqn | PD F/L R S Trigg    |
| XH497                  | - | Vulcan B.1    | 617 Sqn | PD F/L P F Thompson |
| WH670                  | - | Canberra B.2* | 245 Sqn | F/L I C Mills       |
| *From and to Tangmere. |   |               |         |                     |

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 1960** [AIR 27/2893/1][AIR 27/2893/2][AIR 27/2815/98][AIR 27/2835/92]

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 GWTS<br>*4 <sup>th</sup> Firestreak missile fired at a Meteor target.<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH901:E [F/L Hobley & F/L Boyd] |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|

| Javelin FAW.7 photochase [S/L E J Shaw] |   |              |         |                                 |
|-----------------------------------------|---|--------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| XD866                                   | - | Valiant BK.1 | 138 Sqn | Diversion F/L D MacDougall      |
| XD815                                   | - | Valiant BK.1 | 207 Sqn | Diversion F/L G J Roundel 19:15 |

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 1960** [AIR 27/2815/98][AIR 27/2835/92][AIR 27/2813/96][AIR 27/2945]

|       |     |                  |         |                               |
|-------|-----|------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| WZ402 | -   | Valiant B[PR]K.1 | 138 Sqn | Diversion F/L G Rushworth     |
| XD815 | -   | Valiant BK.1     | 207 Sqn | F/L G J Roundel dep 13:45     |
| WL684 | [B] | Varsity T.1      | 115 Sqn | Calibrate BABS, F/L K Lawson  |
| XD823 | -   | Valiant BK.1     | 49 Sqn  | Diversion F/L E R Small 17:00 |

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 1960** [AIR 27/2815/98][AIR 27/2945][MB]

|       |   |                   |         |                              |
|-------|---|-------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| WZ402 | - | Valiant B[PR]K.1* | 138 Sqn | F/L G W Rushworth dep 10:10  |
| XD866 | - | Valiant BK.1*     | 138 Sqn | F/L D J MacDougall dep 09:42 |
| XD823 | - | Valiant BK.1*     | 49 Sqn  | F/L E R Small, see 16.3      |

\*All 3 departed back to Cottesmore.

Based noted :

Vampire T.11 WZ553 :40 7 FTS P/O Gordon, radio failure.

**Vampire T.11 XK584:66 7 FTS to refinish.**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 1960** [AIR 27/2889/68][AIR 27/2975][MB]

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| VV253                                                                     |   | Anson C.21      | MCS     | F/S Adams                |
| From and to Northolt, arrived 11:30 & departed 12:10                      |   |                 |         |                          |
| WR957                                                                     | R | Shackleton MR.2 | 204 Sqn | Diversion, P/O L F Smith |
| Diverted from Ballykelly due to weather, brake air sack burst on landing. |   |                 |         |                          |
| Based noted:                                                              |   |                 |         |                          |
| <b>Vampire T.11 XD397:53 7 FTS to 27 MU.</b>                              |   |                 |         |                          |

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 1960** [AIR 27/2975]

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------|---------|-------------------------|
| WL745                                                                             | M | Shackleton MR.2 | 204 Sqn | S/L C D Walker          |
| From and to Ballykelly with a 15-ton jack to carry out repairs on WR957, see 18.3 |   |                 |         |                         |
| WR957                                                                             | R | Shackleton MR.2 | 204 Sqn | To Ballykelly, see 18.3 |

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1960** [AB]

|        |   |                   |         |                 |
|--------|---|-------------------|---------|-----------------|
| G-AIFM | - | Bristol Freighter | Private | To Squires Gate |
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**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1960** [Roundel 89-01]

|       |       |                |         |                           |
|-------|-------|----------------|---------|---------------------------|
| WV860 | [473] | Sea Hawk FGA.6 | Airwork | 'RT726' to Abbotsinch AHU |
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**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 1960** [AIR 27/2751/30][MB]

|                                                                                           |   |              |        |               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------|--------|---------------|
| WJ751                                                                                     | - | Canberra B.2 | 35 Sqn | S/L D Carlson |
| Routed: Upwood-St Mawgan-Valley-Upwood.                                                   |   |              |        |               |
| Based noted:                                                                              |   |              |        |               |
| <b>Vampire T.11 XE864 7 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 49 MU from [22.3]</b> |   |              |        |               |

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 1960** [AIR 27/2856/48][AIR 27/2728/56][AIR 27/2888]

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| XH499                                                                            | - | Vulcan B.1       | 617 Sqn | PD F/L R S Trigg, 2 rollers |
| WZ366                                                                            | - | Valiant B.1      | 7 Sqn   | PD F/L I C B Brettall       |
|                                                                                  |   | [Pembroke/Anson] | FTCCS   | F/L Houghton & Bell         |
| AM Sir H Constantine & AOC 23 Group AVM C Scragg from Woodvale to White Waltham. |   |                  |         |                             |

**April 1960** [AIR 27/2893]

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| 1 GWTS Javelins flew 56h45m during the month. |  |  |  |  |
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**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 1960** [AIR 27/2893/1]

|                                                                                                                                 |  |  |  |  |
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| 1 GWTS<br>*5 <sup>th</sup> Firestreak missile firing at a Meteor target.<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH900:D [F/L Evans & Lt Beardmore RN] |  |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                 |  |  |  |  |

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 1960** [BJ][IBCCA]

|                                                                                              |   |            |          |                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| TX226                                                                                        | - | Anson C.19 | Jurby SF | To Speke, Jurby Station Flight |
|                                                                                              |   | Anson      | HQ FC    |                                |
| Routed: Bovingdon-Bishops Court-Valley[re-fuel]-Bovingdon.<br>[Headquarters Fighter Command] |   |            |          |                                |

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 1960** [MB]

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| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 WZ553:40 7 FTS refinish [re-paint?] no completion date or where. |  |  |  |  |

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 1960** [AIR 27/2813/98]

|       |     |             |         |                             |
|-------|-----|-------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| WL621 | [A] | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | Calibrate TACAN, F/L W Hole |
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**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 1960** [AIR 27/2769/106][AIR 27/2828/24][MB]

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| XF709                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | N | Shackleton MR.3/3 | 201 Sqn | F/L W J McBurney |
| From and to St Mawgan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |   |                   |         |                  |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |   |                   |         |                  |
| XJ433                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | - | Whirlwind HAR.2   | 22 Sqn  | M/P A T Davidson |
| Scrambled to Warton where a DH.104 Dove G-ALMR belonging to the English Electric Co. had crashed after take-off on the sea flats near Lytham St Annes. Despite bad weather the Helicopter arrived as the 2 casualties were taken ashore. Aircraft refuelled at Warton before returning to Valley. |   |                   |         |                  |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XE864 repairs complete back to 7 FTS, see 24.3.60                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |   |                   |         |                  |

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 1960** [AB]

|        |   |             |         |                 |
|--------|---|-------------|---------|-----------------|
| G-AOTH | - | Chipmunk 22 | Private | To Squires Gate |
|--------|---|-------------|---------|-----------------|

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 1960** [AIR 29/2699]

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| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XD379:59 7 FTS F/O A G Maitland<br>Turn & slip indicator failed, landed safely. |  |  |  |  |

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 1960** [AIR 29/2699]

|                                                                                                                                                                              |  |           |            |  |
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|                                                                                                                                                                              |  | Hunter F. | [1/54 Sqn] |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                              |  | Hunter F. | [1/54 Sqn] |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                              |  | Hunter F. | [1/54 Sqn] |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                              |  | Hunter F. | [1/54 Sqn] |  |
| From Stradishall on a cross country. On departure they flew low over the Domestic Quarters. 1 & 54 Sqn were based at Stradishall at the time but nothing in their Sqn ORB's. |  |           |            |  |

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 1960** [AIR 27/2889/66][AIR 29/2699]

|                                                                                                                                    |   |           |     |                 |
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| VP955                                                                                                                              | - | Devon C.1 | MCS | F/O E A Corbett |
| From Northolt at 17:10.                                                                                                            |   |           |     |                 |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XD606 7 FTS P/O Stephenson<br>Undercarriage lowered on manual due to a hydraulic leak, landed safely. |   |           |     |                 |

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 1960** [AIR 27/2889/66][MB]

|                                                                                    |   |           |     |                 |
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| VP955                                                                              | - | Devon C.1 | MCS | F/O E A Corbett |
| To Marham 10:00, see 25.4                                                          |   |           |     |                 |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XK584:66 refinish complete back to 7 FTS, see 17.3.60 |   |           |     |                 |

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 1960** [BJ]

|        |   |             |        |                           |
|--------|---|-------------|--------|---------------------------|
| G-AOTH | - | Chipmunk 22 | IoM AC | From Speke, IoM Aero Club |
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**May 1960** [AIR 27/2893]

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| 1 GWTS Javelins flew 65h20m during the month. |  |  |  |  |
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**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1960** [Roundel 88-02 & 90-04]

|       |  |                |         |                              |
|-------|--|----------------|---------|------------------------------|
| WV792 |  | Sea Hawk FGA.6 | Airwork | 'RT726' To Abbotsinch        |
| XE392 |  | Sea Hawk FGA.6 | Airwork | 'RT716' to Abbotsinch 4.5.60 |

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 1960**

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| G/C E L McMillan assumes command of the Station. |  |  |  |  |
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**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May 1960** [AIR 29/2699]

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| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XD526:42 7 FTS F/L Whittingham.<br>Strange behaviour noticed with its G4F Directional Compass. |  |  |  |  |

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 1960** [AIR 27/2893][@MAR 10/23]

|                                                                                                         |  |            |      |  |
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| 1 GWTS annual inspection by AVM Hartley, arrived by air.<br>Routed: Bovingdon-Prestwick-Valley, N/stop. |  |            |      |  |
| TX229                                                                                                   |  | Anson C.19 | FCCS |  |

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 1960** [RAFM]

|                                                             |  |  |  |  |
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|                                                             |  |  |  |  |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 [XD379]:57 7 FTS to Dishforth. |  |  |  |  |

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 1960** [AIR 27/2813/100]

|                                                               |     |             |         |                               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| WL621                                                         | [A] | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | Calibrate TACAN, F/L D Darney |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 [XK584]:66 7 FTS from Dishforth. |     |             |         |                               |

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 1960** [AIR 29/2699]

|                                                  |   |           |       |           |
|--------------------------------------------------|---|-----------|-------|-----------|
|                                                  | - | Canberra* | RAFFC | Diversion |
|                                                  | - | Canberra* | RAFFC | Diversion |
|                                                  | - | Canberra* | RAFFC | Diversion |
| *Diverted in whilst en-route: Gibraltar-Strubby. |   |           |       |           |

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 1960** [RAFM]

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| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 :57 7 FTS to & from Church Fenton. |  |  |  |  |

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 1960** [AIR 27/2872/142][AIR 29/2699]

|                                                                                           |   |              |        |                                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------|--------|----------------------------------|
| WT206                                                                                     | - | Canberra B.6 | 76 Sqn | Diversion S/L J F G Stonham      |
| Diverted whilst enroute: El Adem-Upwood due to weather, landed 10:20, see 23.5.           |   |              |        |                                  |
|                                                                                           | - | Canberra     |        | Diversion from Luqa. R/T failure |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XK624:44 7 FTS F/O R Jones, violent wheel shimmy on landing. |   |              |        |                                  |

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 1960** [BJ]

|        |   |               |        |                       |
|--------|---|---------------|--------|-----------------------|
| G-AOTH | - | Chipmunk 22   | IoM AC | From Speke, Aero Club |
| G-ANOV | - | DH.104 Dove 6 | MoA    | From Speke            |

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 1960** [AIR 27/2813/100]

|       |     |             |         |                              |
|-------|-----|-------------|---------|------------------------------|
| WL622 | [R] | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | Calibrate GCA, F/O F J Adams |
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**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1960** [AIR 27/2872/142]

|                                                      |   |              |        |                    |
|------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------|--------|--------------------|
| WT206                                                | - | Canberra B.6 | 76 Sqn | F/L B E Rutherford |
| Departed back to Upwood at 12:15, see 18.5.          |   |              |        |                    |
| WH979                                                | - | Canberra B.6 | 76 Sqn | F/L D J Kay        |
| From and to Upwood with the crew for Canberra WT206. |   |              |        |                    |

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 1960** [AIR 29/2699]

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | Vampire T.11 | 7 FTS | S/L J Fraser |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 7 FTS S/L J Fraser.<br>Starboard mainwheel tyre burst on landing, no damage to the aircraft.<br>However, the main runway [14/32] was closed for 25mins, runway changed to 20. |  |              |       |              |

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 1960** [AIR 27/2813/100][AIR 29/2799]

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| WL621                                                                   | [A] | Varsity T.1     | 115 Sqn    | Calibrate GCA, F/L P H Lee  |
| XN127                                                                   | [-] | Whirlwind HCC.8 | Queens Flt | Lt Kerr & F/L Crompton-Batt |
| Routed: Benson-Shawbury-Llandudno-Moelfre-Vaenol-Moelfre-Valley-Benson. |     |                 |            |                             |

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 1960** [BJ]

|        |   |                |         |                               |
|--------|---|----------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| G-AMYO | - | DH.104 Dove 1B | Private | To Speke, Morton Air Services |
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**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May 1960** [AIR 27/2742][AIR 27/2893/1]

|                                                                                                                                 |     |               |        |                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------|--------|---------------------|
| 23 Sqn [2 aircraft] arrived from Horsham St Faith [Norwich] for their MPC.<br>23 Sqn MPC 29.5-2.6, 1 Firestreak out of 2 fired. |     |               |        |                     |
| XH779                                                                                                                           | [H] | Javelin FAW.7 | 23 Sqn | MPC W/C Chapman     |
| XH894                                                                                                                           | R   | Javelin FAW.7 | 23 Sqn | MPC S/L R Jefferies |
|                                                                                                                                 |     | Valetta C.    |        | 23 Sqn MPC support  |

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 1960** [RAFM]

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| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 :57 7 FTS to & from Thorney Island. |  |  |  |  |

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 1960** [AIR 27/2893/1][AIR 29/2498]

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| 1 GWTS<br>*6 <sup>th</sup> Firestreak missile trials firing.<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH900:D [S/L E J Shaw & F/L Wright] |   |             |         |                   |
| XH532                                                                                                              | - | Vulcan B.1A | 230 OCU | PD S/L L C Spargo |

**June 1960** [AIR 27/2893]

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| 1 GWTS Javelins flew 62h35m during the month. |  |  |  |  |
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**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 1960** [AIR 27/2888][MB]

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|                                                                           |  | [Pembroke/Anson] | FTCCS | G/C Abraham & M/N Dixon |
| A/Cdre Garside, from and to White Waltham.                                |  |                  |       |                         |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XE872 & XE875:62 7 FTS transferred to 8 FTS. |  |                  |       |                         |

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1960** [AIR 27/2742][AIR 27/2893/1]

|                                                                                                                                   |     |                |        |                                |
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| *Firestreak missile fired at a Meteor U.15 VW280:P, target destroyed.<br>23 Sqn departed back to Horsham St Faith post their MPC. |     |                |        |                                |
| XH779                                                                                                                             | [H] | Javelin FAW.7* | 23 Sqn | MPC W/C Chapman, S/L Jefferies |
| XH894                                                                                                                             | R   | Javelin FAW.7  | 23 Sqn | MPC                            |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XK624 7 FTS [F/L Whittingham & F/O Craghill] diverted to Shawbury.                                   |     |                |        |                                |

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1960** [RAFM][MB]

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| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XD590 7 FTS [F/L Whittingham] to St Mawgan.<br>Vampire T.11 XE864 7 FTS transferred to 8 FTS.<br>Vampire T.11 XH368 7 FTS [F/L Whittingham] from St Mawgan. |  |  |  |  |

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 1960** [AIR 29/2699][AIR 27/2813/102][AIR 29/2799]

|                                                                                |     |             |            |                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| XM296                                                                          | -   | Heron C.4   | Queens Flt | W/C Wakeford                |
| Duke & Duchess of Gloucester, routed: Benson-Alconbury-Valley-Hawarden-Benson. |     |             |            |                             |
| WL684                                                                          | [B] | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn    | From Tangmere, F/L K Lawson |

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 1960** [AIR 27/2856/54][AIR 29/2699][AIR 27/2813/102]

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| WL684                                                                                       | [B] | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | Calibrate BABS, F/L K Lawson  |
| WL621                                                                                       | [A] | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | Calibrate TACAN, F/L Churcher |
| XH482                                                                                       | -   | Vulcan B.1  | 617 Sqn | PD S/L M G Beavis             |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XE849 7 FTS P/O Lee.<br>Nosewheel door failure, landed safely. |     |             |         |                               |

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 1960** [AIR 27/2739/38][AIR 27/2893/1]

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| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH784:C<br>Flew an Exercise Lynchpin jamming sortie against the 18 Sqn Valiant. |   |             |        |                                |
| WP213                                                                                                   | - | Valiant B.1 | 18 Sqn | Ex. 'Lynchpin' F/L K W C Inson |
| Arrived 16:10 & departed 17:50.<br>Most of these flights were operated from the Valiants' home base.    |   |             |        |                                |

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 1960** [Roundel 84/03]

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| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 WZ575/7368M allocated to the Fire Dump. |  |  |  |  |

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 1960 [RAFM]**

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| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 :57 7 FTS to & from Benson. |  |  |  |  |

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 1960 [AIR 27/2769/110]**

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------|-----------|
| XJ433                                                                                   |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/L Viner |
| Capsized yacht off Rhosneigr, on arrival occupants ok, yacht towed 100yds to the shore. |  |                 |        |           |

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 1960 [AIR 27/2868/46]**

|                     |   |              |        |                  |
|---------------------|---|--------------|--------|------------------|
| WH698               | - | Canberra B.2 | 51 Sqn | S/L A D A Honley |
| From and to Watton. |   |              |        |                  |

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1960 [AIR 27/2741/57][AIR 27/2893/1]**

|                                                                                     |     |               |        |                                 |
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| 25 Sqn [2 aircraft] arrived from Waterbeach for their MPC.<br>25 Sqn MPC 22-30.6.60 |     |               |        |                                 |
| XH910                                                                               | [L] | Javelin FAW.7 | 25 Sqn | MPC [S/L J H Chick/J McIlwrath] |
|                                                                                     |     | Javelin FAW.7 | 25 Sqn | MPC [F/L Lucking/Whiteley]      |

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1960 [AIR 29/2699]**

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| AOC's Annual Inspection.      |  |          |       |                             |
|                               |  | Vampire* | 7 FTS | F/L P A Robert [Leader]     |
|                               |  | Vampire* | 7 FTS | F/L A R Fraser              |
|                               |  | Vampire* | 7 FTS | F/L A G Maitland            |
|                               |  | Vampire* | 7 FTS | F/L P E Reeve               |
| *Formation Aerobatic Display. |  |          |       |                             |
|                               |  | Vampire  | 7 FTS | F/L D Proctor, solo display |

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 1960 [AIR 27/2829/34][AIR 27/2868/46]**

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| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH784:C & XH900:D<br>Flew Exercise Lynchpin jamming sorties against Valiant B.1 WZ365 18 Sqn.                           |   |                |         |                            |
| TG566                                                                                                                                           |   | Hastings Met.1 | 202 Sqn | Diversion, S/L K J Barratt |
| Routed: Aldergrove-Orly-Thorney Island-St Mawgan-Aldergrove but diverted to Valley.<br>It had picked up the Station Sports Team from St Mawgan. |   |                |         |                            |
| WJ873                                                                                                                                           | - | Canberra T.4   | 51 Sqn  | S/L Honley                 |
| From Watton to Aldergrove.                                                                                                                      |   |                |         |                            |

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 1960 [AIR 27/2829/34]**

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| TG566 |  | Hastings Met.1 | 202 Sqn | To Aldergrove, see 24.6 |
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**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 1960 [AB]**

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| WA639 | - | Meteor T.7 | [25 Sqn] | From IoM |
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**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 1960 [Roundel 85-06][AIR 29/2498]**

|       |       |               |         |                           |
|-------|-------|---------------|---------|---------------------------|
| WF287 |       | Sea Hawk FB.5 | Airwork | 'RT706' to Abbotsinch AHU |
| WM906 | [035] | Sea Hawk FB.5 | Airwork | 'RT708' to Abbotsinch AHU |
| XA898 | -     | Vulcan B.1    | 230 OCU | PD W/C C C Calder         |

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 1960 [AIR 29/2498][AIR 27/2769/110][MB]**

|                                                                                                            |   |                 |         |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------|---------|-------------------|
| XA910                                                                                                      | - | Vulcan B.1      | 230 OCU | PD S/L L C Spargo |
| -                                                                                                          |   |                 |         |                   |
| XJ433                                                                                                      |   | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn  | F/L Braybrook     |
| Sea Hawk aircraft declaring a MAYDAY, after carrying out a search informed it had landed safely at Brawdy. |   |                 |         |                   |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XE849 7 FTS for refinishing.                                                  |   |                 |         |                   |

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 1960 [AIR 29/2498][MB]**

|                                                                                      |     |                |         |                      |
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| 25 Sqn MPC                                                                           |     |                |         |                      |
| *1x Firestreak fired at 10:55 by XH910:L [S/L Chick & S/L McIlwraith]                |     |                |         |                      |
| *Destroyed Meteor U.15 RA479:E.                                                      |     |                |         |                      |
|  |     |                |         |                      |
| RA479:E heads a line up at Llanbedr. [Tudor Rowlands Collection]                     |     |                |         |                      |
| 25 Sqn departed back to Waterbeach post their MPC.                                   |     |                |         |                      |
| XH910                                                                                | [L] | Javelin FAW.7* | 25 Sqn  | To Waterbeach        |
|                                                                                      |     | Javelin FAW.7  | 25 Sqn  | To Waterbeach        |
| XH504                                                                                | -   | Vulcan B.1A    | 230 OCU | PD S/L D J Mountford |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XD606 & XH362 7 FTS transferred to 8 FTS.               |     |                |         |                      |

**July 1960 [AIR 27/2893]**

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| 1 GWTS Javelins flew 68h25m during the month, 3 missiles fired.<br>Flights were also carried out against Valiant jamming aircraft. |  |  |  |  |
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**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 1960 [AIR 27/2856/56]**

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| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH784:C & XH900:D |  |  |  |  |
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| Flew Exercise Lynchpin jamming sorties against Valiant B.1 WP216 18 Sqn. |   |            |         |               |
| XH497                                                                    | - | Vulcan B.1 | 617 Sqn | PD S/L Spargo |

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1960** [AIR 29/2699][AIR 27/2861/1]

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| Leeds UAS commenced flying as part of their Summer Camp, the UAS ORB quotes 1.7.<br>They arrived from Church Fenton, including 6 'borrowed' back up aircraft. |  |                  |             |  |
|                                                                                                                                                               |  | Chipmunk T.10    | Leeds UAS   |  |
|                                                                                                                                                               |  | Chipmunk T.10    | Leeds UAS   |  |
|                                                                                                                                                               |  | Chipmunk T.10    | Leeds UAS   |  |
|                                                                                                                                                               |  | Chipmunk T.10    | Leeds UAS   |  |
|                                                                                                                                                               |  | 6x Chipmunk T.10 | [Leeds UAS] |  |

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1960** [AIR 27/2856/56]

|       |   |            |         |                        |
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| XH497 | - | Vulcan B.1 | 617 Sqn | PD S/L R A Streatfield |
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**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 1960** [AIR 27/2867/167]

|       |   |               |        |                                  |
|-------|---|---------------|--------|----------------------------------|
| WH794 | - | Canberra PR.7 | 58 Sqn | PD F/L R Collard, night circuits |
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**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 1960** [AIR 27/2815/106][AIR 27/2727/56][MB]

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------|---------|---------------------|
| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH784:C & XH902:F                                            |   |                 |         |                     |
|  |   |                 |         |                     |
| Taking off on Runway 32. [Mark Taylor Collection]                                    |   |                 |         |                     |
| WJ774                                                                                | - | Canberra B.6    | 6 Sqn   | F/O K Bennett       |
| Rare visitor, normally based Cyprus. Routed: Marham-Valley-Upwood.                   |   |                 |         |                     |
| WZ384                                                                                | - | Valiant B[PR].1 | 138 Sqn | PD W/C H M Chinnery |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XH303:53 7 FTS transferred to CNCS.                     |   |                 |         |                     |

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 1960** [AIR 27/2835/100][AIR 29/2498]

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------|---------|-----------------------|
| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH784:D XH901:E XH902:F<br>Flew Exercise Lynchpin jamming sorties against Valiant B.1 WZ372 18 Sqn. |   |                 |         |                       |
| WP221                                                                                                                       | - | Valiant B[PR].1 | 207 Sqn | PD F/L R W J Houghton |
| XA910                                                                                                                       | - | Vulcan B.1      | 230 OCU | PD W/C C C Calder     |

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 1960** [AIR 27/2888]

|                                          |  |                  |       |                    |
|------------------------------------------|--|------------------|-------|--------------------|
|                                          |  | [Pembroke/Anson] | FTCCS | F/L Davey & Taylor |
| A/Cdre & Mrs Dudgeon from White Waltham. |  |                  |       |                    |

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 1960** [AIR 27/2888]

|                                        |  |                  |       |                          |
|----------------------------------------|--|------------------|-------|--------------------------|
|                                        |  | [Pembroke/Anson] | FTCCS | F/O Patrick & F/L Taylor |
| A/Cdre & Mrs Dudgeon to White Waltham. |  |                  |       |                          |

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 1960** [RAFM]

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| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 [XK590]:45 7 FTS to & from Swinderby. |  |  |  |  |

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1960** [AIR 29/2699]

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| No.1 Vampire/Varsity Course starts, flying commenced 13.7.60. |  |  |  |  |
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**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 1960** [AIR 29/2699][AIR 27/2829/36][AIR 29/2498][MB]

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| XA910                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | - | Vulcan B.1     | 230 OCU   | PD S/L L C Spargo |
| TG567                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |   | Hastings Met.1 | 202 Sqn   | M/P F Radina      |
| From Aldergrove to Lyneham.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |   |                |           |                   |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |   |                |           |                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |   | Chipmunk T.10  | Leeds UAS |                   |
| Carried out a search for a child's body in the sea off Rhosneigr as both 22 Sqn helicopters were unserviceable at the time, nothing seen though.                                                                                                           |   |                |           |                   |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |   |                |           |                   |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XD519 delivered from 5 FTS to 7 FTS [by road or by air ?]<br>[XD519 was allocated 17.7.60 to RAF Valley for ground instruction becoming 7651M 19.7.60 – it was scrapped 7.63 with the introduction of the Gnat T.1 at Valley] |   |                |           |                   |

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 1960** [AIR 27/2856/56][AIR 27/2769/112][AIR 27/2777]

|                                                                                                                     |   |                 |         |               |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------|---------|---------------|
| XH502                                                                                                               | - | Vulcan B.1      | 617 Sqn | PD S/L Spargo |
| WG558                                                                                                               | B | Shackleton MR.2 | 42 Sqn  | F/L G A Ogden |
| Routed: St Mawgan-Valley-Ballykelly-Valley-St Mawgan.                                                               |   |                 |         |               |
| -                                                                                                                   |   |                 |         |               |
| XJ433                                                                                                               |   | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn  | F/L Osborne   |
| Diverted from a training flight to a swimmer in difficulty nearby, on arrival the swimmer had already been rescued. |   |                 |         |               |

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1960** [AIR 29/2699]

|  |  |            |  |                       |
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|  |  | Hunter F.6 |  | Diversion             |
|  |  | Hunter F.6 |  | Diversion, birdstrike |

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 1960** [AIR 27/2893/1]

|                                                                                                                             |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 GWTS<br>*7 <sup>th</sup> Firestreak missile fired at a Meteor target.<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH782:B [F/L Grindley & F/L Bond] |  |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                                             |  |  |  |  |

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 1960** [AIR 27/2975]

|                                                  |   |                 |         |                |
|--------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------|---------|----------------|
| WL797                                            | P | Shackleton MR.2 | 204 Sqn | S/L C D Walker |
| From and to Ballykelly, dropped off a passenger. |   |                 |         |                |

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 1960** [AIR 27/2751/38][AIR 29/2498]

|       |   |              |         |                      |
|-------|---|--------------|---------|----------------------|
| WJ642 | - | Canberra B.2 | 35 Sqn  | PD F/L G A Muncaster |
| XH504 | - | Vulcan B.1   | 230 OCU | PD S/L L C Spargo    |

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1960** [AIR 29/2498]

|                                                                                                               |   |            |         |                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------------|---------|---------------------|
| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH902:F<br>Flew an Exercise Lynchpin jamming sortie against Valiant B.1 WZ372 18 Sqn. |   |            |         |                     |
| XH558                                                                                                         | - | Vulcan B.2 | 230 OCU | PD F/L R M Crawford |

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 1960** [AIR 27/2856/56][AIR 27/2751/38][AIR 27/2975]

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------|---------|------------------|
| XH501                                                                                     | - | Vulcan B.1      | 617 Sqn | PD F/L L G Lunn  |
| WJ751                                                                                     | - | Canberra B.2    | 35 Sqn  | PD S/L D Carlson |
| WL797                                                                                     | P | Shackleton MR.2 | 204 Sqn | S/L C D Walker   |
| Skid bombing at Anglesey Bombing Range [Ty Croes ?] from and to Ballykelly, did NOT land. |   |                 |         |                  |

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 1960** [AIR 27/2856/56][AIR 27/2893/1]

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| 1 GWTS<br>*First double firing of Firestreak missiles at Firefly U.9 WB350:L which was destroyed.<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH901:E [W/C Harland & F/L Neville]<br>Javelin FAW.7 photochase [Lt Davidson RN] |   |            |         |                 |
| XH497                                                                                                                                                                                                | - | Vulcan B.1 | 617 Sqn | PD S/L D Hamley |

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July 1960** [AIR 27/2856/56][AIR 27/2861/1]

|                                                                                                                |   |                  |           |                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| XH501                                                                                                          | - | Vulcan B.1       | 617 Sqn   | PD F/L C B Bell |
|                                                                                                                |   | 6x Chipmunk T.10 | Leeds UAS |                 |
| The Leeds UAS ORB says the 6 backup [borrowed] aircraft were ferried away from Valley on this date. See 3.7.60 |   |                  |           |                 |

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 1960** [AIR 27/2861/1][AIR 27/2769/112]

|                                                     |  |                  |           |                  |
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| Leeds UAS departed at the end of their Summer Camp. |  |                  |           |                  |
|                                                     |  | 4x Chipmunk T.10 | Leeds UAS | To Church Fenton |
| -                                                   |  |                  |           |                  |
| XJ433                                               |  | Whirlwind HAR.2  | 22 Sqn    | F/L Osborne      |

Capsized yacht in Cymyran Bay, on arrival 2 survivors rescued and transferred to the SMO at Valley.

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 1960** [AIR 27/2769/112]

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------|-------------|
| XJ433                                                                                         |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/L Osborne |
| Waterlogged yacht, 3 survivors, 1 airlifted and the other 2 rescued by a nearby fishing boat. |  |                 |        |             |

**August 1960** [AIR 27/2893]

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| 1 GWTS Javelins flew 48h05m during the month.<br>Included flights against a Valiant jamming aircraft. |  |  |  |  |
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**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 1960** [MB]

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| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XE851:[61] 7 FTS transferred to 8 FTS. |  |  |  |  |

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 1960** [AIR 27/2856/58]

|       |   |            |         |                        |
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| XH483 | - | Vulcan B.1 | 617 Sqn | PD S/L R A Streatfield |
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**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 1960** [AIR 27/2868/50]

|       |   |              |        |                      |
|-------|---|--------------|--------|----------------------|
| WJ640 | - | Canberra B.2 | 51 Sqn | PD F/O D T Broadwith |
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**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August 1960** [AIR 27/2840/109][AIR 27/2850/51]

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| WZ390                                                           | - | Valiant B[PR]K.1 | 214 Sqn | Diversion S/L R Furze 18:02 |
| WH869                                                           |   | Canberra B.2     | 245 Sqn | F/L I C Mills               |
| From & to Tangmere.                                             |   |                  |         |                             |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XD526:42 7 FTS to & from St Athan. |   |                  |         |                             |

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 1960** [AIR 27/2840/109]

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| WZ390 | - | Valiant B[PR]K.1 | 214 Sqn | S/L R Furze departed 09:22 |
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**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 1960** [MB]

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |  |  |  |
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| 7 FTS redesignated as 4 FTS, part of 23 Group.<br>Equipped with Vampire T.11 & Varsity T.1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |  |  |  |
| Known aircraft operated by 4 FTS:<br>Vampire T.11<br>WZ512 XD403<br>XH274:29 XE998:36 WZ553:40 XD534:41 XD526:42 XE884:43 XE821:43 XK590:45 WZ558:46<br>XH306:46 XE874:47 XE885:47 WZ583:48 XD625:48 XK625:48 XE857:49 XD589:50 XD622:50<br>XD445:51 XH368:52 XD535:54 WZ612:55 XK637:56 XD525:57 XE852:58 XD379:59 XK588:59<br>XD620:60 XD405:61 XD375:63 XE924:64 XK584:66<br>Anson C.19<br>VV964 |  |  |  |  |

Varsity T.1

WJ939:A WJ917:B WJ941:C WF326:D WJ912:E  
WL631:F WL629:G WL635:H WL628:J WL623:K



Although undated, it shows WL629:G on the flightline during Winter. [Colin Williams]

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 1960 [MB]**

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| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XE849 4 FTS refinishing complete, see 29.6.60 |  |  |  |  |

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 1960 [AIR 27/2829/62]**

|                                                          |  |                   |         |           |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--|-------------------|---------|-----------|
|                                                          |  | Shackleton MR.3/3 | 203 Sqn | S/L Brand |
| Routed: Ballykelly-Valley-Woodford-Turnhouse-Ballykelly. |  |                   |         |           |

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August 1960 [AIR 27/2893]**

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| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH782:A XH901:E XH902:F<br>Flew Exercise Lynchpin jamming sorties against Valiant B.1 WP212 18 Sqn. |  |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                                             |  |  |  |  |

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1960 [AIR 27/2769/114]**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |                 |        |              |
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| XJ760                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | M/P Davidson |
| Capsized dinghy with 3 occupants clinging on to the side S of 4-mile bridge, on arrival 1 person airlifted and during the second lift the dinghy ran aground with both survivors making their way ashore, they were then airlifted and all 3 flown to their Holiday camp. |  |                 |        |              |

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1960 [AIR 27/2769/114]**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                 |        |             |
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| XJ760                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/L Osborne |
| Dinghy 1nm N of Llanbedr airfield drifting out to sea, on arrival nothing seen so landed at Pensarn Beach, informed that the dinghy had been swept towards Harlech. On arrival there saw the dinghy and occupants safely ashore. |  |                 |        |             |

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August 1960 [AIR 29/2694][MB]**

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| Based noted:                                                           |  |  |  |  |
| *Vampire T.11 4 FTS F/L A D Blann & P A Robert.                        |  |  |  |  |
| *Vampire T.11 4 FTS M/P Kirkham & S/L Pierse.                          |  |  |  |  |
| *Both departed to Takhali, Malta Airshow for static display.           |  |  |  |  |
| Vampire T.11 WZ512 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R                            |  |  |  |  |
| [WZ512 was then re-assessed as CAT.2R and handed back to 4 FTS 1.9.60] |  |  |  |  |
| Vampire T.11 XE849 4 FTS transferred to 5 FTS.                         |  |  |  |  |

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 1960** [AIR 29/2694][AIR 27/2858/2][AIR 27/2769/114]

|                                                                                                                                       |  |                  |        |                 |
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|                                                                                                                                       |  | 6x Chipmunk T.10 | SUAS   | Southampton UAS |
| Arrived for their Summer Camp. First part 28.8-11.9 & second part 11-25.9.                                                            |  |                  |        |                 |
| -                                                                                                                                     |  |                  |        |                 |
| XJ760                                                                                                                                 |  | Whirlwind HAR.2  | 22 Sqn | F/L Osborne     |
| Boat in difficulty with a woman and child onboard off Benllech, on arrival nothing seen, informed that they had been rescued earlier. |  |                  |        |                 |
| Based noted:                                                                                                                          |  |                  |        |                 |
| Vampire T.11 :56 4 FTS to Benson.                                                                                                     |  |                  |        |                 |

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 1960** [AIR 27/2751/40][AIR 27/2858/2][AIR 27/2813/106][AB]

|                                                                          |     |                  |         |                               |
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| 1 GWTS                                                                   |     |                  |         |                               |
| Javelin FAW.7 XH900:D XH901:E XH902:F                                    |     |                  |         |                               |
| Flew Exercise Lynchpin jamming sorties against Valiant B.1 WP216 18 Sqn. |     |                  |         |                               |
| WJ636                                                                    | -   | Canberra B.2     | 35 Sqn  | PD S/L D Wright               |
|                                                                          |     | 4x Chipmunk T.10 | SUAS    | Southampton UAS               |
| WL621                                                                    | [A] | Varsity T.1      | 115 Sqn | Calibrate TACAN, F/S R Taylor |
| WF329                                                                    | [M] | Varsity T.1      | [AES]   |                               |
| To Squires Gate then Hullavington.                                       |     |                  |         |                               |
| Based noted:                                                             |     |                  |         |                               |
| Vampire T.11 :56 4 FTS from Benson.                                      |     |                  |         |                               |

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 1960** [MB]

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| Based noted:                            |  |  |  |  |
| Vampire T.11 XE857 from 4 FTS to 5 FTS. |  |  |  |  |

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 1960** [AIR 29/2694]

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| Based noted:                        |  |  |  |  |
| *2x Vampire T.11 4 FTS              |  |  |  |  |
| *Both returned from Malta, see 24.8 |  |  |  |  |

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 1960** [AIR 29/2498]

|       |   |            |         |                      |
|-------|---|------------|---------|----------------------|
| XH504 | - | Vulcan B.1 | 230 OCU | PD S/L D J Mountford |
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**September 1960** [AIR 27/2893]

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| 1 GWTS Javelins flew 58hrs during the month. |  |  |  |  |
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#### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September [MB]

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| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 WZ512 reassessed as CAT.2R and handed back to 4 FTS, see 24.8.60<br>Vampire T.11 XK624 on loan to MoA for 6 months then to the A&AEE 18.5.61 |  |  |  |  |

#### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1960 [AIR 27/2769/116]

|                                                                                                             |  |                 |        |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------|-------------|
| XK987                                                                                                       |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/L Osborne |
| Boat de-masted near Dulas Island, Moelfre, on arrival boat seen with jib sail only, no assistance required. |  |                 |        |             |

#### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 1960 [AIR 27/2945]

|       |   |              |        |                    |
|-------|---|--------------|--------|--------------------|
| XD822 | - | Valiant BK.1 | 49 Sqn | PD F/L B J Conchie |
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#### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 1960 [AIR 27/2856/60][AIR 27/2867/171][AIR 27/2769/116]

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| XH499                                                               | - | Vulcan B.1      | 617 Sqn | PD F/L D A Taylor             |
| XH168                                                               | - | Canberra PR.9   | 58 Sqn  | PD F/L J A Edwards, circuits. |
| -                                                                   |   |                 |         |                               |
| XJ760                                                               |   | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn  | F/L Braybrook                 |
| Rescued youth requiring medical attention flown to Bangor Hospital. |   |                 |         |                               |

#### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 1960 [AIR 27/2739/44][AIR 27/2893/2][AB Digest60][AIR 27/2769/116][MB]

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| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7's XH782:A XH784:C & XH902:F<br>Flew a Exercise Lynchpin jamming sortie with the 18 Sqn Valiant.                                                   |   |                 |        |                |
| WP212                                                                                                                                                                     | - | Valiant B.1*    | 18 Sqn | W/C D H Sutton |
| *Exercise 'Lynchpin' from and to Finningley, arrived 14:30 and departed 16:15.                                                                                            |   |                 |        |                |
| -                                                                                                                                                                         |   |                 |        |                |
| XJ760                                                                                                                                                                     |   | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/L Braybrook  |
| Report of a parachute seen descending off N coast of Anglesey.<br>Searched between Skerries and Point Lynas, nothing seen. Transpired it was a balloon.                   |   |                 |        |                |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XD534:41 4 FTS visited Farnborough.<br>Vampire T.11 XE857 from 5 FTS to 4 FTS, see 29.8.60<br>Vampire T.11 XK588 4 FTS transferred to 5 FTS. |   |                 |        |                |

#### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 1960 [AIR 27/2751/42]

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|-------|---|--------------|--------|---------------------|
| WH910 | - | Canberra B.2 | 35 Sqn | PD F/O I H R Robins |
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#### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 1960 [AIR 27/2769/116]

|                                                                        |  |                 |        |             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------|-------------|
| XK987                                                                  |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/L Osborne |
| CASEVAC from St Davids Hospital, Bangor to Walton Hospital, Liverpool. |  |                 |        |             |

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 1960** [AIR 27/2751/42][AIR 27/2769/116]

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| WJ862                                                                                                     | - | Canberra T.4    | 35 Sqn | PD F/L E Parker |
| -                                                                                                         |   |                 |        |                 |
| XK987                                                                                                     |   | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/L Osborne     |
| CASEVAC from Crewe Memorial Hospital to Wheatley Military Hospital, Oxford via Shawbury and South Cerney. |   |                 |        |                 |

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 1960** [AIR 29/2694][AIR 27/2841/95][AIR 27/2769/116]

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| XK715                                                                                                                                                    | - | Comet C.2       | 216 Sqn |              |
| Weather diversion from Lyneham.<br>Enroute: Aden-Lyneham with 50 pax. Departed 09:30 17.9.                                                               |   |                 |         |              |
| -                                                                                                                                                        |   |                 |         |              |
| XJ760                                                                                                                                                    |   | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn  | M/P Davidson |
| Small boat in surf at Red Wharf Bay with Lifeboat standing by, on arrival sighted the abandoned boat, informed by Lifeboat that the occupants were safe. |   |                 |         |              |

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 1960** [Ken Richards][AIR 29/2699][DP]

|                                                            |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| RAF Valley 'Battle of Britain' Display Day<br>11:00-18:00. |  |  |  |  |
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[Ken Richards Collection]

Static: \*Hangar display

| Serial | Code | Type          | Unit   | Home Base/Notes          |
|--------|------|---------------|--------|--------------------------|
| WH878  | -    | Canberra B.2  | [CAW]  | [Manby]                  |
| WT535  | -    | Canberra PR.7 | 17 Sqn | Wildenrath [AIR 27/2738] |
| WG481  | 15   | Chipmunk T.10 | [SUAS] | [Southampton UAS]        |



[Ken Richards]

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| XF933 | - | Hunter F.4 | [CFS] | [Little Rissington] |
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[Ken Richards]

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| XH782 | A | Javelin FAW.7* | 1 GWTS | Valley |
| XH783 | B | Javelin FAW.7  | 1 GWTS | Valley |



[Ken Richards]

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| XM381 | 25 | JP T.3 | 2 FTS | [Syerston] |
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| [Ken Richards] |   |            |      |        |
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| WA658          | - | Meteor T.7 | GWDS | Valley |



| [Ken Richards] |   |                |           |               |
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| WK884          | - | Meteor F[TT].8 | [5 CAACU] | From Woodvale |



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



| [Ken Richards] |    |              |        |                         |
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| XD823          | -  | Valiant BK.1 | 49 Sqn | Wittering F/L E R Small |
| WZ553          | 40 | Vampire T.11 | 4 FTS  | Valley                  |



[Ken Richards]

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|-------|----|-----------------|--------------|--------|
| XK590 | 45 | Vampire T.11*   | 4 FTS        | Valley |
| WJ939 | A  | Varsity T.1     | 4 FTS        | Valley |
| XJ760 | -  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | C Flt/22 Sqn | Valley |



[Ken Richards]

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| XK987 | - | Whirlwind HAR.2 | C Flt/22 Sqn | Valley |
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With a Hunter in the background parked on the GWDS Flight line.

[Both: Ken Richards]

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| 51-6953 | TR-953 | T-33A | 47 BW | Sculthorpe |
|---------|--------|-------|-------|------------|



[Ken Richards]



Thunderbird SAM from TERA, Ty Croes. [Ken Richards]

| Flying:                                                                                                                                                                                  |        |                 |              |                             |
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| XL640                                                                                                                                                                                    | 640    | Britannia C.1   | 99/511 Sqn   | Lyneham                     |
| WH979                                                                                                                                                                                    | -      | Canberra B.6    | 76 Sqn       | S/L J F C Stonham           |
| WH980                                                                                                                                                                                    | -      | Canberra B.6    | 76 Sqn       | F/L A C Cooper              |
| WT206                                                                                                                                                                                    | -      | Canberra B.6    | 76 Sqn       | F/O N E Cocks               |
| WP867                                                                                                                                                                                    | 12     | Chipmunk T.10   | SUAS         | Southampton UAS             |
| XA656                                                                                                                                                                                    | L      | Javelin FAW.5   | 228 OCU      |                             |
| XA652                                                                                                                                                                                    | N      | Javelin FAW.5   | 228 OCU      |                             |
| XA702                                                                                                                                                                                    | V      | Javelin FAW.5   | 228 OCU      |                             |
| XA706                                                                                                                                                                                    | W      | Javelin FAW.5   | 228 OCU      |                             |
| XH784                                                                                                                                                                                    | C      | Javelin FAW.7   | 1 GWTS       | Flypast from Valley         |
| XM478                                                                                                                                                                                    | 21     | JP T.3          | 2 FTS        | [F/L D Jones]               |
| XM457                                                                                                                                                                                    | 28     | JP T.3          | 2 FTS        | [F/L D Rowe]                |
| XM409                                                                                                                                                                                    | 39     | JP T.3          | 2 FTS        | [F/L R Stock]               |
| XM420                                                                                                                                                                                    | 44     | JP T.3          | 2 FTS        | [M/P McTavish]              |
| WF791                                                                                                                                                                                    |        | Meteor T.7      | RAFFC        | Manby                       |
| WH201                                                                                                                                                                                    |        | Meteor T.7      | RAFFC        | Manby                       |
| WL370                                                                                                                                                                                    |        | Meteor T.7      | RAFFC        | Manby                       |
| WL463                                                                                                                                                                                    |        | Meteor T.7      | RAFFC        | Manby                       |
| [WK964]                                                                                                                                                                                  |        | Meteor          |              | [not a Meteor serial] aeros |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          |        | 12x Provost T.1 | 6 FTS        |                             |
| VP289                                                                                                                                                                                    | MOTU-Y | Shackleton T.4  | MOTU         |                             |
| WP213                                                                                                                                                                                    | -      | Valiant B.1     | 18 Sqn       | F/L H D Flint               |
| XA928                                                                                                                                                                                    | -      | Victor B.1      | 10 Sqn       | Flypast from Cottesmore     |
| XD534                                                                                                                                                                                    | 41     | Vampire T.11    | 4 FTS        | Solo display F/O G Rorison  |
| WZ558                                                                                                                                                                                    | 46     | Vampire T.11    | 4 FTS        | [F/L R Roberts]             |
| XH368                                                                                                                                                                                    | 52     | Vampire T.11    | 4 FTS        | [S/L Frazer]                |
| XD525                                                                                                                                                                                    | 57     | Vampire T.11    | 4 FTS        | [F/L A Maitland]            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          |        | Vampire T.11    | 4 FTS        | [F/L E Hopkins]             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          |        | Vampire T.11    | 4 FTS        |                             |
| 4 FTS Aerobatic Team, 4 ship flown by:<br>S/L 'Jock' Fraser & F/Lt's Bob Roberts, Andy Maitland, Eric Hopkins.                                                                           |        |                 |              |                             |
| WF379                                                                                                                                                                                    |        | Varsity T.1     | RRE          |                             |
| WJ913                                                                                                                                                                                    |        | Varsity T.1     | RRE          |                             |
| XH536                                                                                                                                                                                    | -      | Vulcan B.2      | Coningsby Wg | Flypast                     |
| VM340                                                                                                                                                                                    |        | Anson C.19      | [23 Gp CF]   | Visitor [AVM C Scragg]      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          |        | RB-66C*         | 10 TRW       | Flypast from Alconbury      |
| *Valley ORB mentions this coming screaming into the Air Display Airspace 6 minutes early!<br>[55-0304:E was present flying at Finningley and Bassingbourn, possibly same aircraft maybe] |        |                 |              |                             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                          |        | 4x F-100D       | 20 FBW       | Flypast from Wethersfield   |

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 1960** [AIR 29/2694][MB]

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| Based noted:<br><b>Vampire T.11 XE857 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by DH from 30.9</b><br>Vampire T.11 XK584:66 4 FTS F/L B J Luffingham.<br>Seat lap strap was slackening under load, landed safely. |  |  |  |  |

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1960** [AIR 27/2945]

|       |   |              |        |                    |
|-------|---|--------------|--------|--------------------|
| XD824 | - | Valiant BK.1 | 49 Sqn | PD F/L B J Conchie |
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**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1960** [AIR 29/2694]

|                                                                                                                     |  |               |      |                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|---------------|------|-----------------|
| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH784:D XH902:F<br>Flew Exercise Lynchpin jamming sorties against Valiant B.1 WZ372 18 Sqn. |  |               |      |                 |
|                                                                                                                     |  | Chipmunk T.10 | SUAS | Southampton UAS |
| Summer Camp ends.                                                                                                   |  |               |      |                 |

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 1960** [AIR 29/2694][AIR 27/2813/108]

|       |     |             |         |                                |
|-------|-----|-------------|---------|--------------------------------|
|       |     | Anson       |         | From Colerne [MU]              |
| WL621 | [A] | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | Calibrate TACAN, F/S D Haycock |

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 1960** [AB][BJ][AIR 29/2694]

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |   |        |                    |          |
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| N5519V                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | - | C-54A* | Seven Seas Airline | To Speke |
| *En-route: Gander-Speke-Luxembourg, fuel divert into Valley. 4 FTS ORB mentions 27.9 as the date, should have landed at Shannon but the First Officer who was in charge whilst the Captain rested decided to carry on to Speke. Aircraft was refuelled, cleared Customs, and departed to Speke within an hour. |   |        |                    |          |

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 1960** [AIR 29/2498][AIR 27/2850/53]

|                                                                                    |   |              |         |                               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| XA910                                                                              | - | Vulcan B.1   | 230 OCU | PD F/L B Revnell              |
| WK145                                                                              | - | Canberra B.2 | 245 Sqn | Diversion, F/O M F S Melville |
| Diverted whilst on a Northern Calibration Flight, left same day to Thorney Island. |   |              |         |                               |

**October 1960** [AIR 27/2893]

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| 1 GWTS Javelins flew 68h35m during the month, no missiles fired. |  |  |  |  |
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**October 1960** [RD]

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| Based noted: |  |  |  |  |



Vampire T.11 XD589:50 4 FTS visited Little Rissington.  
With Meteor T.7 WG962 CFS and Varsity T.1 -----:H behind. [possibly WJ920 from 1 ANS]  
[Ray Deacon]

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1960** [AIR 29/2694][MB]

|                                                                                                                                                              |  |       |  |  |
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|                                                                                                                                                              |  | Anson |  |  |
| Enroute: Aldergrove-Yeovilton, diverted to Valley due to an oil leak on the starboard engine.<br>Duty crew worked on the fault; aircraft departed 1hr later. |  |       |  |  |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XD379 7 FTS delivered to 5 FTS.                                                                                                 |  |       |  |  |

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 1960** [AIR 27/2751/44][AIR 27/2945]

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| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH900:D<br>Flew an Exercise Lynchpin jamming sortie against Valiant B.1 WP213 18 Sqn. |   |               |        |                               |
| WK130                                                                                                         | - | Canberra B.2* | 35 Sqn | Diversion S/L Carlson         |
| *Diversion, from and to Upwood.                                                                               |   |               |        |                               |
| XD823                                                                                                         | - | Valiant BK.1  | 49 Sqn | From Wittering F/L S O'Connor |

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 1960** [AIR 27/2728/70][AIR 27/2815/112][AIR 27/2945]

|                                                                 |   |                   |         |                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---|-------------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| WZ366                                                           | - | Valiant B.1       | 7 Sqn   | Diversion F/L P J Simpson 00:06 |
| Departed back to Wittering at 12:22                             |   |                   |         |                                 |
| WZ389                                                           | - | Valiant B[PR]K.1* | 138 Sqn | Diversion W/C H Chinnery 00:35  |
| XD866                                                           | - | Valiant BK.1*     | 138 Sqn | Diversion F/L D E Deadman 00:44 |
| *Both departed back to Wittering at 12:35 & 13:08 respectively. |   |                   |         |                                 |
| XD823                                                           | - | Valiant BK.1      | 49 Sqn  | To Wittering, see 4.10          |

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October 1960** [AIR 27/2815/112][AIR 27/2945]

|       |   |                  |         |                                 |
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| WZ389 | - | Valiant B[PR]K.1 | 138 Sqn | Diversion F/L G Rushworth 22:46 |
| XD829 | - | Valiant BK.1     | 49 Sqn  | PD F/L R T Hayward              |

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 1960** [AIR 27/2815/112][MB]

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| XD866                                                                                                                                                                               | - | Valiant BK.1* | 138 Sqn | Diversion S/L D A Perkins 00:10 |
| *Departed at 12:14 and landed at Wittering but returned later [F/L D W Briggs] with an Engineer to fix WZ389, landing at 16:31 before finally departing back to Wittering at 17:30. |   |               |         |                                 |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Based noted:<br/> Vampire T.11 WZ558:[46] 4 FTS delivered to 5 FTS.<br/> Vampire T.11 XE998:[36] XH274:[29] from 8 FTS to 4 FTS.</p>                 |   |               |         |                                 |

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 1960** [AIR 27/2815/112][MB]

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| WZ389                                                                                                  | - | Valiant B[PR]K.1 | 138 Sqn | F/L G W Rushworth dep 10:05 |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Based noted:<br/> Vampire T.11 XD394 XE924:[64] from RAFC to 4 FTS.</p> |   |                  |         |                             |

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 1960** [Roundel 90-06][AIR 29/2694]

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| XE436                                                                                                                                                                                                    | [168] | Sea Hawk FGA.6 | Airwork | 'RT719' |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Based noted:<br/> Varsity T.1 WF326:D 4 FTS.<br/> Whilst flying Manby-Chivenor experienced port engine vibration.<br/> Single engine landing carried out at St Athan.</p> |       |                |         |         |

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 1960** [AIR 27/2872/152]

|       |       |                |         |                                  |
|-------|-------|----------------|---------|----------------------------------|
| WT206 | -     | Canberra B.6   | 76 Sqn  | PD S/L J F G Stonham.            |
| XE436 | [168] | Sea Hawk FGA.6 | Airwork | 'RT719' to Abbotsinch, see 10.10 |

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 1960** [AIR 29/2694]

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Based noted:<br/> Varsity T.1 WL670:A 4 FTS S/L Claxton.<br/> Feathering button unserviceable, returned to base.</p> |  |  |  |  |

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 1960** [AIR 27/2867/173][AIR 27/2751/44][AIR 29/2498][AIR 27/2945]

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| <p style="text-align: center;">1 GWTS<br/> Javelin FAW.7 XH782:A XH900:D XH902:F<br/> Flew Exercise Lynchpin jamming sorties against Valiant B.1 WZ372 18 Sqn.</p> |   |               |         |                                |
| WJ815                                                                                                                                                              | - | Canberra PR.7 | 58 Sqn  | PD F/O C J Dark, circuits      |
| WJ819                                                                                                                                                              | - | Canberra PR.7 | 58 Sqn  | PD F/O R Braithwaite, circuits |
| XH171                                                                                                                                                              | - | Canberra PR.9 | 58 Sqn  | PD F/L B A Reader, circuits    |
| WH911                                                                                                                                                              | - | Canberra B.2  | 35 Sqn  | PD F/O W J Kirby               |
| XA898                                                                                                                                                              | - | Vulcan B.1    | 230 OCU | PD F/L G S Smeaton             |
| XD824                                                                                                                                                              | - | Valiant BK.1  | 49 Sqn  | PD F/L B J Conchie             |

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 1960** [AIR 27/2867/173]

|       |   |               |        |                           |
|-------|---|---------------|--------|---------------------------|
| WJ822 | - | Canberra PR.7 | 58 Sqn | PD F/O C J Dark, circuits |
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**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 1960** [AIR 27/2856/62]

|       |   |            |         |                 |
|-------|---|------------|---------|-----------------|
| XH502 | - | Vulcan B.1 | 617 Sqn | PD F/L L G Lunn |
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**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 1960** [AIR 29/2694]

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| Based noted:<br>Varsity T.1 WF326:D 4 FTS F/O J A Claydon.<br>Port engine high temperature, landed safely single engine back at Valley. |  |  |  |  |

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 1960** [AIR 27/2751/44]

|       |   |              |        |                     |
|-------|---|--------------|--------|---------------------|
| WJ751 | - | Canberra B.2 | 35 Sqn | PD F/O I H R Robins |
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**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 1960** [AIR 27/2751/44]

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|-------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------|--------|----------------------|
| WH910                                                 | - | Canberra B.2 | 35 Sqn | PD F/L G A Muncaster |
| WH913                                                 | - | Canberra B.2 | 35 Sqn | PD F/O P B Curtin    |
| Based noted:<br>Varsity T.1 ? 4 FTS to Church Fenton. |   |              |        |                      |

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 1960** [RAFM]

|                                                         |  |  |  |  |
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| Based noted:<br>Varsity T.1 ? 4 FTS from Church Fenton. |  |  |  |  |

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 1960** [AIR 27/2893]

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| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH902:F<br>Flew an Exercise Lynchpin jamming sortie against Valiant B.1 WP213 18 Sqn. |  |  |  |  |
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**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 1960** [AIR 29/2498]

|       |   |            |         |                  |
|-------|---|------------|---------|------------------|
| XH560 | - | Vulcan B.2 | 230 OCU | PD S/L D T Skeen |
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**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 1960** [AIR 29/2694][BJ]

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  | Anson I | Civil | Federated Fruit Company |
| Bound for Dublin, reported overhead South Stack with engine trouble and requested permission to land at Valley, did so safely. At the time they operated two aircraft, G-ALXC & G-AMBE out of Liverpool. |  |         |       |                         |

**November 1960** [AIR 27/2893]

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| 1 GWTS Javelins flew 49h15m during the month, 3 missiles fired. |  |  |  |  |
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**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 1960** [AIR 27/2850/57]

|                        |  |               |         |                  |
|------------------------|--|---------------|---------|------------------|
| WJ681                  |  | Canberra B.2* | 245 Sqn | F/L B Dorrington |
| *From and to Tangmere. |  |               |         |                  |

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--|--------------|---------|--------------------|
| WH670                                                           |  | Canberra B.2 | 245 Sqn | F/L B E Rutherford |
| From Tangmere to Aldergrove, calibrated Killard Point GCI site. |  |              |         |                    |

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1960** [AIR 29/2694]

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|                                                                                                                                |  | Sea Devon |  |  |
| Due to high winds of 78kts the Sea Devon was towed to the end of the runway from dispersal for take-off due to the high winds. |  |           |  |  |

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1960** [AIR 27/2813/112][MB]

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |     |             |         |                           |
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| WL688                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | [G] | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | Calibrate CADF P/O D Neal |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Based noted:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vampire T.11 XD394 XE924:[64] 4 FTS transferred back to RAFC, see 8.10.60</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vampire T.11 XE998:[36] 4 FTS transferred back to 8 FTS, see 7.10.60</p> |     |             |         |                           |

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 1960** [AIR 27/2893/1][AIR 27/2888][AIR 27/2813/112]

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| <p style="text-align: center;">1 GWTS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Firestreak missile firing against a Jindivik 102B target.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Javelin FAW.7 XH900:D [S/L Shaw &amp; Lt Pittock RN]</p> |     |                  |         |                               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     | [Pembroke/Anson] | FTCCS   | F/L Houghton & Bell           |
| AM Sir H Constantine from White Waltham to Sydenham.                                                                                                                                                                             |     |                  |         |                               |
| WL678                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | [C] | Varsity T.1      | 115 Sqn | Calibrate TACAN, F/L K Lawson |

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 1960** [AIR 27/2893/1][AIR 27/2813/112][AIR 29/2498]

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| <p style="text-align: center;">1 GWTS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Firestreak missile fired 15:20 at a Jindivik 102B target.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Javelin FAW.7 XH900:D [F/L Jones &amp; F/L Boyd]</p> |     |             |         |                               |
| WL688                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | [G] | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | Calibrate CADF, M/P J K Adams |
| XA898                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | -   | Vulcan B.1  | 230 OCU | PD S/L D J Mountford          |

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 1960** [AIR 27/2815/114][AIR 29/2694][AIR 27/2850/57][AIR 27/2945][AIR 27/2777]

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| WZ384                                                                                                                                                                                 | - | Valiant B[PR].1 | 138 Sqn | Diversion F/L L B Brown 21:30     |
| WP210                                                                                                                                                                                 | - | Valiant B.1     | 138 Sqn | Diversion F/L G W Rushforth 21:41 |
| XD829                                                                                                                                                                                 | - | Valiant BK.1    | 49 Sqn  | Diversion F/L R T Hayward 21:55   |
| WH869                                                                                                                                                                                 | - | Canberra B.2*   | 245 Sqn | Diversion, F/L H J Ridout         |
| *Diverted whilst on a Northern Calibration Flight, later departed back to Tangmere.                                                                                                   |   |                 |         |                                   |
| XD857                                                                                                                                                                                 | - | Valiant         | 49 Sqn  | PD F/L E R Small                  |
| WL741                                                                                                                                                                                 | D | Shackleton MR.2 | 42 Sqn  | PD F/L A Margetts                 |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Based noted:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vampire T.11 XE852:[58] 4 FTS Lt Wren</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fuel leak, landed safely.</p> |   |                 |         |                                   |

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 1960** [AIR 27/2815/114][AIR 27/2945]

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| WZ384 | - | Valiant B[PR].1* | 138 Sqn | F/L L B Brown dep 15:45 |
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| WP210                              | - | Valiant B.1* | 138 Sqn | F/L G W Rushforth dep 10:14 |
| *Both departed to Gaydon, see 8.11 |   |              |         |                             |
| XD829                              | - | Valiant BK.1 | 49 Sqn  | To Wittering, see 8.11      |

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 1960 [MB]**

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| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XK637:56 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, to DH for repairs 22.11 |  |  |  |  |

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 1960 [AIR 27/2813/112][MB]**

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| WL678                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | [C] | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | Calibrate TACAN, F/S D Haycock |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XD625 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by DH from 22.11<br>Vampire T.11 XE857 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 19.9.60<br>Varsity T.1 WL631:F 4 FTS<br>Routed: Valley-Acklington-Oakington-Valley. |     |             |         |                                |

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 1960 [AIR 29/2694]**

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| Based noted:<br>2x Vampire 4 FTS weather diversions to Shawbury. |  |  |  |  |

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 1960 [AIR 27/2893/1]**

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| 1 GWTS<br>*Firestreak missile fired at a Jindivik 102B target at 42,000ft.<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH902:F [F/L Evans & F/L Neville] |  |  |  |  |
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**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 1960 [AIR 27/2739/48]**

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| WZ372 | - | Valiant B.1 | 18 Sqn | Diversion W/C D H Sutton 20:52 |
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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 1960 [AIR 27/2739/48]**

|       |   |             |        |                |
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| WZ372 | - | Valiant B.1 | 18 Sqn | Departed 10:03 |
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**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 1960 [AIR 27/2813/112]**

|       |     |             |         |                              |
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| WL621 | [A] | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | Calibrate GCA, F/O F J Adams |
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**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1960 [AIR 27/2815/114][AIR 29/2694][AIR 27/2733/69]**

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| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH902:F & XH784:C flew a target sortie. |   |                  |         |                                |
| WZ402                                                           | - | Valiant B[PR]K.1 | 138 Sqn | Diversion F/L J A Ledger 01:45 |
|                                                                 |   | ?                |         | Weather diversion.             |
| WJ771                                                           | - | Canberra B.6     | 12 Sqn  | Diversion, F/O B A Tovey       |
| WT303                                                           | - | Canberra B.6     | 12 Sqn  | Diversion, F/O T J Kenny       |

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| WH964                                                                              | - | Canberra B.6 | 12 Sqn | Diversion, F/O J W H Barnes |
| WH968                                                                              | - | Canberra B.6 | 12 Sqn | Diversion, S/L L J Russell  |
| WH963                                                                              | - | Canberra B.6 | 12 Sqn | Diversion, S/L R D Pilcher  |
| WH956                                                                              | - | Canberra B.6 | 12 Sqn | Diversion, S/L H T Murley   |
| All the 12 Sqn aircraft were enroute: Idris-Coningsby. Departed to Coningsby 23.11 |   |              |        |                             |

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1960** [AIR 27/2815/114][AIR 27/2751/46][AIR 27/2813/112]

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| WZ402 | -   | Valiant B[PR]K.1 | 138 Sqn | S/L D A Perkins dep 11:50       |
| WJ719 | -   | Canberra B.2     | 35 Sqn  | PD F/O Hudson 'Ex. Marshmallow' |
| WF371 | [L] | Varsity T.1      | 115 Sqn | Calibrate GCA, M/P J K Adams    |

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 1960** [AIR 27/2867/175][Roundel 90-05]

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| XH167                                                                                                         | -     | Canberra PR.9  | 58 Sqn  | PD S/L D Adams, night circuits |
| XH173                                                                                                         | -     | Canberra PR.9* | 58 Sqn  | PD F/L R Brown, night circuits |
| *Involved in an air-miss with a BEA Airliner at 17:30, the Canberra was under Valley ATC control at the time. |       |                |         |                                |
| XE399                                                                                                         | [617] | Sea Hawk FGA.6 | Airwork | 'RT704' to Abbotsinch AHU      |

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 1960** [Roundel 88-05]

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| WV831 |  | Sea Hawk FGA.6 | Airwork | 'RT704' to Abbotsinch AHU |
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**December 1960** [AIR 27/2893]

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| 1 GWTS Javelins flew 64h05m during the month, 8 missiles fired. |  |  |  |  |
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**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 1960** [AIR 27/2867/177][AIR 27/2945]

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| WJ819                                                               | - | Canberra PR.7 | 58 Sqn | PD F/L R Collard, night circuits |
| XD818                                                               | - | Valiant BK.1  | 49 Sqn | PD F/L B J Conchie               |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XK590:45 4 FTS to & from West Raynham. |   |               |        |                                  |

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1960** [AIR 27/2813/114]

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| WJ945 | [H] | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | Calibrate GCA, F/S J Simpson |
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**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 1960** [AIR 27/2813/114]

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| WL685 | [S] | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | Calibrate BABS, F/S J Simpson |
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**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 1960** [AIR 27/2893/1][AIR 27/2751/48][AIR 27/2813/114]

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| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH783:B & XH900:D flew a target sortie.<br>*Firestreak missiles fired at 37,000ft<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH784:C [Lt Davidson RN & F/L Tanner]<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH900:D [F/L Jones & F/L Bond] |   |              |        |                  |
| WJ636                                                                                                                                                                                                              | - | Canberra B.2 | 35 Sqn | PD F/O G N Gough |

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| WJ945                   | [H] | Varsity T.1** | 115 Sqn | F/L F Mejnecky |
| **From and to Tangmere. |     |               |         |                |

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1960** [AIR 27/2893/1][AIR 2694][AIR 27/2813/114]

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| *Firestreak missile fired at 40,000ft, target destroyed.<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH784:C [F/L Grindley & F/L Wright] |     |             |         |                                |
| WL688                                                                                                          | [G] | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | Mona calibration F/L K Forster |
| Based noted:<br>Varsity T.1 WL623:K 4 FTS F/L B R Corley.<br>Engine vibration, landed safely on one engine.    |     |             |         |                                |

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 1960** [AIR 27/2829/46][AIR 27/2850/59]

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| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH902:F & XH783:B flew a target sortie.<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH784:C & XH900:D flew a target sortie. |   |               |         |                            |
| TG624                                                                                                                    |   | Hastings Met. | 202 Sqn | Diversion, F/O J A Forster |
| WH869                                                                                                                    | - | Canberra B.2* | 245 Sqn | F/L B Dorrington           |
| WH670                                                                                                                    | - | Canberra B.2* | 245 Sqn | F/L J T Mitchell           |
| *Both from and to Tangmere.                                                                                              |   |               |         |                            |

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1960** [AIR 27/2893/1][AIR 27/2829/46]

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| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH784:C & XH782:A flew a target sortie.<br>*Firestreak missile fired successfully at 40,000ft at a Jindivik.<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH900:D [W/C Harland & F/L Bond] |     |                |         |                             |
| TG623                                                                                                                                                                                   | [B] | Hastings Met.1 | 202 Sqn | Diversion, F/L K Ignatowski |
| From and to Aldergrove.                                                                                                                                                                 |     |                |         |                             |
| TG624                                                                                                                                                                                   | [A] | Hastings Met.1 | 202 Sqn |                             |
| See 8.12, routed: Valley-Aldergrove-Valley-Aldergrove.                                                                                                                                  |     |                |         |                             |

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 1960** [AIR 27/2728/74][AIR 27/2867/177]

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| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH782:A & XH902:F flew a target sortie. |   |                 |        |                                   |
| WP223                                                           | - | Valiant B[PR].1 | 7 Sqn  | Diversion F/L J Cheesbrough 22:16 |
| XH173                                                           | - | Canberra PR.9   | 58 Sqn | PD F/L B A Header, night circuits |

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 1960** [AIR 27/2728/74][AIR 27/2739/50][AIR 27/2893/2][AIR 29/2694][AIR 27/2769/121][AIR 27/2850/59][AIR 27/2777]

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| 1 GWTS<br>*Firestreak missile fired at 37,000ft.<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH783:B [Lt Davidson RN & F/L Tanner] |   |                 |        |                                 |
| WP223                                                                                                    | - | Valiant B[PR].1 | 7 Sqn  | Departed 13:19, see 12.12       |
| WP211                                                                                                    | - | Valiant B.1     | 18 Sqn | Diversion W/C D H Sutton 20:34  |
| WZ365                                                                                                    | - | Valiant B.1     | 18 Sqn | Diversion S/L T D A Lunan 20:25 |

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| WP213                                                                                                                                                                                                 | - | Valiant B.1     | 18 Sqn  | Diversion F/L H P Flint 20:20 |
| WH670                                                                                                                                                                                                 | - | Canberra B.2*   | 245 Sqn | Diversion, G/C W D David      |
| *Diverted whilst on Southern Calibration Flight, later departed back to Tangmere.                                                                                                                     |   |                 |         |                               |
| WR952                                                                                                                                                                                                 | E | Shackleton MR.2 | 42 Sqn  | S/L E W Willey                |
| WL754                                                                                                                                                                                                 | F | Shackleton MR.2 | 42 Sqn  | S/L A F Boyd                  |
| WL737                                                                                                                                                                                                 | B | Shackleton MR.2 | 42 Sqn  | W/C J R Ramsden               |
| WR958                                                                                                                                                                                                 | D | Shackleton MR.2 | 42 Sqn  | F/O W H Cowey                 |
| WR953                                                                                                                                                                                                 | A | Shackleton MR.2 | 42 Sqn  | F/L L R Dixon                 |
| WR955                                                                                                                                                                                                 | C | Shackleton MR.2 | 42 Sqn  | F/L T J Wood                  |
| The 42 Sqn aircraft were on a mobility exercise from St Mawgan. They had been ordered airborne and once in the search area they were diverted to Valley. Valley was 42 Sqn's wartime deployment base. |   |                 |         |                               |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                     |   |                 |         |                               |
| XJ429                                                                                                                                                                                                 |   | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn  | F/S McArthur                  |
| Fire in the No.4 hold on SS Loch Garth, on request carried additional breathing apparatus to the ship. Ship was just off Holyhead and apparatus was flown from the breakwater to the ship.            |   |                 |         |                               |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 [XD628] 4 FTS F/L P W Godden.<br>Shepherded back after an ASI failure, XD628 is not a Vampire aircraft possibly XK628.<br><b>Varsity T.1 WL635:H 4 FTS to Cranwell.</b>  |   |                 |         |                               |

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 1960** [AIR 27/2739/50][AIR 27/2893/2]

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| 1 GWTS<br>*Firestreak missile fired at 37,000ft.<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH900:D [F/L Jones & F/L Bond] |   |             |        |                           |
| WP211                                                                                             | - | Valiant B.1 | 18 Sqn | Departed 13:14, see 13.12 |
| WZ365                                                                                             | - | Valiant B.1 | 18 Sqn | Departed 13:02, see 13.12 |
| WP213                                                                                             | - | Valiant B.1 | 18 Sqn | Departed 12:50, see 13.12 |

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 1960** [AIR 27/2893/1][AIR 29/2694]

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| 1 GWTS<br>*Firestreak missile fired at 40,000ft.<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH900:D [S/L Shaw & Lt Pittock RN]        |  |  |  |  |
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| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XK584:66 4 FTS F/L E D Mee.<br>Engine vibration due to loss of a turbine blade. |  |  |  |  |

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 1960** [AIR 27/2802/69][AIR 27/2893/2]

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| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH902:F & XH900:D flew a target sortie.<br>*Firestreak missile fired.<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH900:D [F/L Grindley & F/L Wright] |  |  |  |  |
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| WZ393                                                        | - | Valiant B[PR]K.1 | 90 Sqn | PD F/L M Pringle |
| The Valiant also carried out PD's at St Mawgan & Finningley. |   |                  |        |                  |

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 1960** [AIR 27/2751/48]

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| WJ642                                                                  | - | Canberra B.2 | 35 Sqn | Diversion S/L D Carlson |
| Diverted whilst en-route: Guttersloh-Upwood, later departed to Upwood. |   |              |        |                         |

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 1960** [AIR 27/2751/48][MB]

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| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH901:E & XH902:F flew a target sortie.                                    |   |              |        |               |
| WJ636                                                                                              | - | Canberra B.2 | 35 Sqn | PD F/O Hudson |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XD625 repairs completed 20.12 then transferred to 5 FTS, see 15.11.60 |   |              |        |               |

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1960** [AIR 29/2694][AIR 27/2751/48]

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| Arrester Barrier becomes fully operational on Runway 32. |   |              |        |                     |
| WH909                                                    | - | Canberra B.2 | 35 Sqn | PD F/O I H R Robins |

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1960** [AIR 29/2694]

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| Based noted:<br>Varsity T.1 WJ917:B 4 FTS F/L J A Claydon.<br>Undercarriage failed to retract after take-off, landed safely. |  |  |  |  |

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December 1960** [AIR 27/2867/177]

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| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH901:E & XH902:F flew 2 target sorties. |   |               |        |                                  |
| WJ822                                                            | - | Canberra PR.7 | 58 Sqn | PD F/L R Collard, night circuits |