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# RAF Valley

## Aircraft Movements

### 1961

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#### SUMMARY

1 GWTS continued their trial Missile flights.

#### Abbreviations

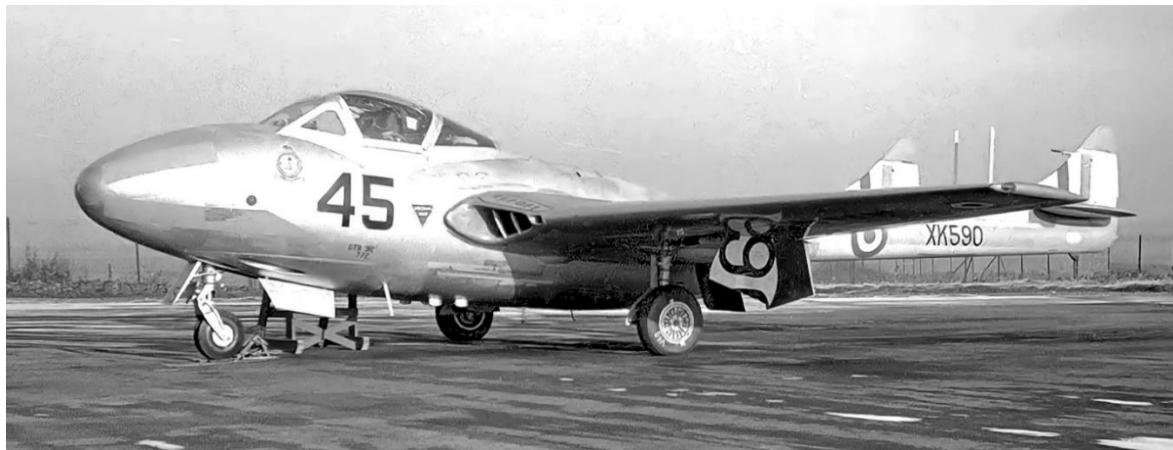
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|---------|------------------------------------------|
| BABS    | Blind Approach Beacon System             |
| [F]BW   | [Fighter] Bomber Wing [USAF]             |
| CAACU   | Civilian Anti-Aircraft Co-operation Unit |
| CASEVAC | Casualty Evacuation                      |
| CAW     | College of Air Warfare                   |
| CCCF    | Coastal Command Communications Flight    |
| CFS     | Central Flying School                    |
| CN&CS   | Central Navigation & Control School      |
| ETPS    | Empire Test Pilots 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                 |
| NAS     | Naval Air Squadron                                 |
| OCU     | Operational Conversion Unit                        |
| PD      | Practice Diversion                                 |
| RAFC    | Royal Air Force College                            |
| RAFFC   | Royal Air Force Flying College                     |
| RRE     | Radar Research Establishment                       |
| Sqn     | Squadron                                           |
| TRW     | Tactical Reconnaissance Wing [USAF]                |
| UAS     | University Air Squadron                            |

#### January 1961 [AIR 27/2893]

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| 1 GWTS Javelins flew 46h10m during the month. |  |  |  |  |
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#### January 1961 [RD]

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| Based noted:                                                                         |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Vampire T.11 XK590:45 4 FTS visited Little Rissington. [Ray Deacon]                  |  |  |  |  |

#### Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1961 [AIR 27/2968]

|                                                 |   |             |         |             |
|-------------------------------------------------|---|-------------|---------|-------------|
| WL685                                           | S | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | F/S Haycock |
| Routed: Tangmere-Benson-Valley-Benson-Tangmere. |   |             |         |             |

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 1961** [AIR 27/2893/1]

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|------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 GWTS                                               |  |  |  |  |
| *Firestreak missile fired at a Jindivik 102B target. |  |  |  |  |
| *Javelin FAW.7 XH900:D [F/L Evans & F/L Neville]     |  |  |  |  |
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**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 1961** [AIR 27/2968][MB]

|                                                                                    |   |             |         |             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-------------|---------|-------------|
| WF371                                                                              | L | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | F/L Forster |
| Routed: Tangmere-Leeming-Valley-Tangmere.                                          |   |             |         |             |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XK637:56 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 11.11.60 |   |             |         |             |

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 1961** [AIR 27/2893/1]

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|------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 GWTS                                               |  |  |  |  |
| *Firestreak missile fired at a Jindivik 102B target. |  |  |  |  |
| *Javelin FAW.7 XH902:F [Lt Davidson RN & F/L Tanner] |  |  |  |  |
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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 1961** [AIR 27/2911]

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| XJ429                                                                           |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | M/P Hill |
| Search for 2 missing climbers.<br>Abandoned when a ground party found 2 bodies. |  |                 |        |          |

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 1961** [AIR 27/2893/1][AIR 27/3123][AIR 27/2968]

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|----------------------------------------------------------|---|-------------|---------|-----------------|
| 1 GWTS                                                   |   |             |         |                 |
| *Firestreak missile fired at a Jindivik 102B target.     |   |             |         |                 |
| *Javelin FAW.7 XH783:B [F/L Grindley & F/L Wright]       |   |             |         |                 |
| XH506                                                    | - | Vulcan B.1  | 617 Sqn | PD F/L C R Bell |
| WL692                                                    | P | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | M/P Adams       |
| Routed: Tangmere-Benson-Valley-Shawbury-Benson-Tangmere. |   |             |         |                 |

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 1961** [AIR 27/2937][AIR 4/174]

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---------------|--------|---------------------|
| 1 GWTS                                                                |   |               |        |                     |
| Javelin FAW.7 XH783:B & XH900:D flew a target sortie.                 |   |               |        |                     |
| Javelin FAW.7 XH900:D & XH783:B flew a target sortie.                 |   |               |        |                     |
| Javelin FAW.7 XH901:E & XH783:B flew a target sortie.                 |   |               |        |                     |
| WH802                                                                 | - | Canberra PR.7 | 58 Sqn | F/O M R Brown       |
| XH172                                                                 | - | Canberra PR.9 | 58 Sqn | F/L J A Edwards     |
| The 58 Sqn aircraft were both weather diversions from Wyton at 21:20. |   |               |        |                     |
|                                                                       |   | Varsity T.1   |        | Adam from Salmsbury |
|                                                                       |   | Anson         |        | Adam to Wattisham   |

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 1961** [AIR 27/2937][AIR 27/2968][AIR 4/187]

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|-------|-----|---------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| WH802 | -   | Canberra PR.7 | 58 Sqn  | To Wyton at 11:10, see 10.1    |
| XH172 | -   | Canberra PR.9 | 58 Sqn  | To Wyton at 11:10, see 10.1    |
| WJ947 | K   | Varsity T.1   | 115 Sqn | F/L Forster from & to Tangmere |
| WL685 | S   | Varsity T.1   | 115 Sqn | F/S Pearse from & to Tangmere  |
| XL659 | 659 | Britannia C.1 | 99 Sqn  | PD F/L Alexander               |

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1961 [AIR 27/2893]**

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH783:B & XH782:A flew a target sortie. |  |  |  |  |
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**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 1961 [AIR 27/2937][RAFM]**

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| XH173                                                                               | - | Canberra PR.9 | 58 Sqn | PD S/L D Adams |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 WZ553:40 4 FTS [F/L Whittingham] to Little Rissington. |   |               |        |                |

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 1961 [RAFM]**

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| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 WZ553:40 4 FTS [F/L Whittingham] from Little Rissington. |  |  |  |  |

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 1961 [AIR 27/2728/76]**

|                                                                 |   |                 |       |                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------|-------|----------------------|
| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH900:D & XH782:A flew a target sortie. |   |                 |       |                      |
| WZ377                                                           | - | Valiant B[PR].1 | 7 Sqn | PD F/L J Cheesbrough |

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 1961 [AIR 27/2893/1]**

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 GWTS<br>*Firestreak missile fired at a Jindivik 102B target.<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH900:D [F/L Jones & F/L Boyd] |  |  |  |  |
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**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1961 [AIR 27/2893]**

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|------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH901:E & XH782:A flew 2 target sorties. |  |  |  |  |
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**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 1961 [AIR 27/2893]**

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH901:E & XH900:D flew a target sortie. |  |  |  |  |
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**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 1961 [AIR 27/2893][AIR 4/199 Hicks logbook]**

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|--------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 GWTS |  |  |  |  |
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|-------------------------------------------------------|------|--------------|-----|-----------------------------------|
| Javelin FAW.7 XH784:C & XH900:D flew a target sortie. |      |              |     |                                   |
| WJ991                                                 | [CB] | Canberra T.4 | CFS | Hicks from & to Little Rissington |

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 1961** [AIR 27/2728/76][AIR 27/2751/50][AIR 27/2945][AIR 27/2971]

|       |   |                 |         |                                    |
|-------|---|-----------------|---------|------------------------------------|
| WZ381 | - | Valiant B[PR].1 | 7 Sqn   | Diversion F/L I C B Brettell 23:59 |
| XD825 | - | Valiant BK.1    | 49 Sqn  | Diversion F/L R T Hayward 23:40    |
| XD866 | - | Valiant BK.1    | 138 Sqn | Diversion S/L D R Dewar            |
| WJ719 | - | Canberra B.2    | 35 Sqn  | PD S/L D Wright                    |

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 1961** [AIR 27/2728/76]

|       |   |                 |       |                              |
|-------|---|-----------------|-------|------------------------------|
| WZ377 | - | Valiant B[PR].1 | 7 Sqn | Diversion F/L C S Webb 00:07 |
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**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 1961** [AIR 27/2728/76][AIR 27/2751/50][AIR 27/2945][AIR 27/2971]

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|-------|---|-----------------|---------|--------------------------|
| WZ377 | - | Valiant B[PR].1 | 7 Sqn   | Departed 10:25, see 28.1 |
| WZ381 | - | Valiant B[PR].1 | 7 Sqn   | Departed 12:00, see 27.1 |
| XD825 | - | Valiant BK.1    | 49 Sqn  | To Wittering, see 27.1   |
| XD866 | - | Valiant BK.1    | 138 Sqn | To Wittering, see 27.1   |
| WJ636 | - | Canberra B.2    | 35 Sqn  | PD F/L G A Muncaster     |

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 1961** [AIR 27/3122]

|       |   |                  |         |                   |
|-------|---|------------------|---------|-------------------|
| WZ392 | - | Valiant B[PR]K.1 | 543 Sqn | PD F/L J N Murphy |
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**February 1961** [AIR 27/2893]

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| 1 GWTS Javelins flew 45h10m during the month, 5 missiles fired against Jindiviks. |  |  |  |  |
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**February 1961** [AIR 29/3506]

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|                                                                                                                             |  | Beverley C.1 |  | From Dishforth |
|                                                                                                                             |  | Shackleton   |  |                |
| These both visited to give talks on their respective aircraft/roles to the Students.<br>No specific date/dates in February. |  |              |  |                |

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 1961** [RAFM]

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| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XK637:[56] 4 FTS [F/L Whittingham] to Little Rissington. |  |  |  |  |

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1961** [AIR 27/2893]

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH782:A & XH784:C flew a target sortie. |  |  |  |  |
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**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1961** [AIR 27/2893/1][AIR 29/2498][AIR 29/2856]

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| 1 GWTS |  |  |  |  |
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| Javelin FAW.7 XH782:A XH784:C XH900:D<br>Flew Exercise Lynchpin jamming sorties against Valiant B.1 WP216 18 Sqn.<br>*Firestreak missile fired at a Jindivik 102B target.<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH782:A [S/L Shaw & F/L Bond] |   |             |         |                   |
| XH532                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | - | Vulcan B.1  | 230 OCU | PD S/L L C Spargo |
| WJ504                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |   | Valetta C.2 | HQ CCCF | F/O Wilson        |
| From Woodford to Bovingdon with AM Sir E Chilton.<br>HQ Coastal Command Communications Flight.                                                                                                                            |   |             |         |                   |

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 1961 [AIR 27/2893]**

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| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH784:C & XH783:B flew a target sortie. |  |  |  |  |
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**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 1961 [AIR 27/2893/1][AIR 29/2498][AIR 27/2937]**

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| 1 GWTS<br>*Firestreak missile fired at a Jindivik 102B target.<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH782:A [F/L Bateman & F/L Bond] |   |               |         |                     |
| XA911                                                                                                             | - | Vulcan B.1    | 230 OCU | PD S/L L C Spargo   |
| WH815                                                                                                             | - | Canberra PR.7 | 58 Sqn  | PD F/O C P Robinson |

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 1961 [AIR 27/2893/1]**

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| 1 GWTS                                                                                                                 |  |  |  |  |
|                                    |  |  |  |  |
| A92-119 is seen here on its launching trolley at Llanbedr. [Tudor Rowlands Collection]                                 |  |  |  |  |
| *Firestreak missile fired at Jindivik 102B A92-119, target destroyed.<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH782:A [F/L Jones & F/L Boyd] |  |  |  |  |
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**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 1961 [AIR 27/2728/78][AIR 27/2893/2][AIR 27/2971]**

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| 1 GWTS<br>*Firestreak missile fired at a Jindivik 102B target.<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH782:A [Lt Davidson RN & F/L Tanner] |   |                 |       |                               |
| WZ377                                                                                                                  | - | Valiant B[PR].1 | 7 Sqn | Diversion F/L E D Lucas 02:49 |

|                                                              |   |              |         |                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| Departed back to base at 14:37                               |   |              |         |                             |
| XD868                                                        | - | Valiant BK.1 | 138 Sqn | Diversion F/L G W Rushforth |
| Arrived 01:10 and departed back to Wittering 14:29 same day. |   |              |         |                             |

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 1961** [AIR 27/2945]

|       |   |              |        |                          |
|-------|---|--------------|--------|--------------------------|
| XD823 | - | Valiant BK.1 | 49 Sqn | Diversion F/L R L Beeson |
| XD818 | - | Valiant BK.1 | 49 Sqn | Diversion F/L A I Alder  |

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2945][AIR 27/2971]

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|-------|---|-------------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| XD866 | - | Valiant BK.1*     | 138 Sqn | Diversion S/L Dewar 01:55      |
| WZ389 | - | Valiant B[PR]K.1* | 138 Sqn | Diversion F/L MacDougall 01:47 |

\*Both departed back to Wittering same day at 15:21 and 15:44.

|       |   |                |        |                        |
|-------|---|----------------|--------|------------------------|
| XD823 | - | Valiant BK.1   | 49 Sqn | To Wittering, see 24.2 |
| XD818 | - | Valiant BK.1** | 49 Sqn | To Wittering, see 24.2 |

\*\*Crew member's dinghy knife became dislodged causing a bad cut to his right calf, admitted to SSQ. This is most probably F/L R J Piper a Nav/Obs on XD818, he is not listed as returning to Wittering with the rest of the Crew. Both Valiants were on a 'Compex.'

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| -                                                                                                                                 |     |                |       |  |
|                                                                                                                                   |     | Vampire [T.11] | 4 FTS |  |
| Went off to the side of the runway on a touch & go due to his survival knife restricting leg movement, no damage to the aircraft. |     |                |       |  |
| Pilot                                                                                                                             | P/O | Brundle        | Ok    |  |

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 1961** [AIR 27/2893/1][AIR 27/2945]

1 GWTS



A92-120 seen here at Llanbedr. [Tudor Rowlands Collection]

\*Firestreak missile fired at Jindivik 102B A92-120, target destroyed.

\*Javelin FAW.7 XH783:B [F/L Grindley & F/L Bond]

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|-------|---|--------------|--------|------------------|
| XD857 | - | Valiant BK.1 | 49 Sqn | PD F/L E R Small |
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**March 1961** [AIR 27/2893]

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| 1 GWTS Javelins flew 40h20m during the month, 13 missiles fired. |  |  |  |  |
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**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1961** [AIR 27/2893]

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| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH783:B<br>Flew an Exercise Lynchpin jamming sortie against Valiant B.1 WP211 18 Sqn. |  |  |  |  |
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| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 [XH368]:52 4 FTS [F/L Whittingham] air test.                                     |  |  |  |  |

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 1961** [AIR 27/2893/1][AIR 27/2957]

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| 1 GWTS<br>*Pair of Firestreak missiles fired at a Jindivik 102B target.<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH783:B [S/L Shaw & Lt Pittock RN] |   |              |        |                  |
| XD865                                                                                                                        | - | Valiant BK.1 | 90 Sqn | PD F/L D A Green |

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 1961** [AIR 27/2903]

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| 1 GWTS<br>*Pair of Firestreak missiles fired<br>*Javelin FAW.7 [F/L Jones & Boyd]<br>**Firestreak missile fired<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH902:F [W/C Harland & Lt Pittock RN] also quoted as 8.3 |   |              |        |                 |
| XK641                                                                                                                                                                                     | - | Canberra B.6 | 12 Sqn | F/L W J A Innis |
| From Gibraltar to Coningsby 12:28/14:48.                                                                                                                                                  |   |              |        |                 |

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 1961** [AIR 29/3506]

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| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH783:B XH784:C XH901:E XH902:F<br>Flew Exercise Lynchpin jamming sorties against Valiant B.1 WP215 18 Sqn.<br>*Firestreak missile fired<br>*Javelin FAW.7 [F/L Evans & F/L Neville] |  |             |  |                  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  | Varsity T.1 |  | To Bodo, Norway. |
| Expedition from RAF Valley led by the Station Medical Officer, F/L D Murray to the Arctic Circle at Svartissen Glacier. Flown by Varsity but unsure if it was a Valley based one though.                     |  |             |  |                  |

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 1961** [IBCCA]

|                               |     |            |          |                |
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| VV328                         | [-] | Anson T.21 | HQ 12 Gp | S/L Bazalgette |
| From and to Horsham St Faith. |     |            |          |                |

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 1961** [AIR 29/3506]

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| 1 GWTS<br>*Firestreak missile fired.<br>*Javelin FAW.7 [F/L Grindley & F/L Tanner] |  |                 |        |                 |
|                                                                                    |  |                 |        |                 |
| -                                                                                  |  |                 |        |                 |
|                                                                                    |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/L F Braybrook |



Forced landing in a neighbouring field following a total electric failure. Repairs were carried out and the aircraft flown back to base.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 1961** [AIR 27/2893/1][AIR 27/2888]

|                                                                                                            |  |                  |       |                        |
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| First Passing Out Parade of 4 FTS Vampire/Varsity Course.                                                  |  |                  |       |                        |
|                                                                                                            |  | [Pembroke/Anson] | FTCCS | F/O Patrick & F/L Bell |
| AM Sir H & Lady Constantine, from and to White Waltham.<br>Passing out parade of 1 Vampire/Varsity Course. |  |                  |       |                        |

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1961** [AIR 29/3506]

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|                                                                                                                                                   |  | Javelin | [228 OCU] | From Leeming |
| Emergency 'PAN' call, lost and short of fuel, landed safely on Runway 32.<br>228 OCU, the Javelin Training Unit was based at Leeming at the time. |  |         |           |              |

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 1961** [AIR 27/2893]

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| 1 GWTS<br>*Firestreak missile fired.<br>*Javelin FAW.7 [S/L Shaw & F/L Boyd] |  |  |  |  |
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**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2893]

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| 1 GWTS<br>*Firestreak missile fired <b>successfully at Jindivik.</b><br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH783:B [W/C Harland & F/L Neville]                                                                                            |  |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |  |  |  |
| Based noted:<br>Varsity T.1 WL635:H 4 FTS F/L J Dickson.<br>During a night landing the aircraft swung to port and departed the runway.<br>Pilot managed to regain the runway with only slight damage to the aircraft. |  |  |  |  |

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 1961** [AIR 27/2893/1]

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| 1 GWTS<br>*Firestreak missile fired at Jindivik 102B A92-121, target destroyed.<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH784:C [F/L Grindley & F/L Neville] |  |  |  |  |
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**April 1961** [AIR 27/2893]

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| 1 GWTS Javelins flew 40h20m during the month, no missiles fired. |  |  |  |  |
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**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 1961** [AIR 27/2977]

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| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH783:B XH784:C XH900:D<br>Flew Exercise Lynchpin jamming sorties against Valiant B.1 WP215 18 Sqn. |  |  |  |  |
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| WZ395                                                    | - | Valiant B[PR]K.1* | 148 Sqn | Diversion F/L R Alexander 03:20 |
| XD874                                                    | - | Valiant BK.1*     | 148 Sqn | Diversion W/C D Lowe 03:20      |
| *Both departed back to Marham same day at 10:45 & 10:29. |   |                   |         |                                 |

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April 1961** [AIR 27/2893]

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| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH782:A XH784:C XH901:E<br>Flew Exercise Lynchpin jamming sorties against Valiant B.1 WP215 18 Sqn. |  |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                                             |  |  |  |  |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 [XK637]:56 4 FTS to & from Church Fenton.                                                      |  |  |  |  |

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 1961** [AIR 27/2997]

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| XD812 | - | Valiant BK.1 | 214 Sqn | PD F/L J Goodall |
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**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 1961** [AIR 27/2911]

|                                                                               |  |                 |        |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------|-------------|
| XK987                                                                         |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/L Osborne |
| Capsized boat off Rhosneigr with 3 people clinging on to it, rescued by boat. |  |                 |        |             |

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2925]

|                                             |   |                 |        |               |
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|                                             |   | Javelin FAW.7   | 1 GWTS |               |
| Ran off the taxiway due to a brake failure. |   |                 |        |               |
| WL754                                       | F | Shackleton MR.2 | 42 Sqn | F/L G A Ogden |
| Routed: Ballykelly-Valley-St Mawgan.        |   |                 |        |               |

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911]

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     | Vampire [T.11]    | 4 FTS |    |
| Take-off abandoned <b>due to engine failure</b> , came to rest in the sand dunes in the overshoot area <b>stopping just short of the GWTS Javelin flightline</b> . 22 Sqn scrambled Whirlwind HAR.2 XK987 [F/L Osborne] for this incident but not required.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |     |                   |       |    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | P/O | <b>Pat</b> Gorman |       | Ok |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     |                   |       |    |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |     |                   |       |    |
| XK584                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 66  | Vampire T.11      | 4 FTS |    |
| Loss of control in a spin, crew ejected, aircraft crashed in a field near Llanddeusant. 22 Sqn also scrambled Whirlwind HAR.2 XK987 [F/L Osborne] for this incident, both casualties flown to Bangor Hospital. <b>P/O Greenland's ejector seat failed to fire twice when the face blind was pulled but eventually fired when he pulled a wire behind the seat, F/L Winspear ejected straight away. Apparently following the second incident the Stn Cdr G/C McMillan decided to cancel flying for the day and opened the Officers' Mess Bar!</b> |     |                   |       |    |



Seen here in an undated photograph. [Dick Thomas Collection]

|         |     |                                  |                                  |
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| Instr   | F/L | G Winspear                       | Ejected, suffered back injuries. |
| Student | P/O | [Derek] C J Greenland [7 Course] | Ejected, broken leg.             |

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 1961** [AIR 29/3506]

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|                                                                              |  | ? | [23 Gp CF] |  |
| Visit by AVM W E Coles AOC 23 Group, by air?<br>AOC [Air Officer Commanding] |  |   |            |  |
|                                                                              |  |   |            |  |

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 1961** [AIR 4/245]

|       |   |             |      |                          |
|-------|---|-------------|------|--------------------------|
| WF335 | B | Varsity T.1 | CNCS | M/P Taylor from Shawbury |
| VW188 | X | Valetta T.4 | CNCS | F/O Baldock to Shawbury  |

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April 1961** [RAFM]

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| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 [XE857]:49 4 FTS to & from Benson. |  |  |  |  |

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 1961** [AIR 29/3506]

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|                                                                                                                                                                        |  | Varsity T.1 |  | From Bodo, Norway |
| Return of an Expedition from RAF Valley led by the SMO, F/L D Murray to the Arctic Circle.<br>Flown by a Varsity but unsure if it was a Valley based one, see 10.3.61. |  |             |  |                   |

**May 1961** [AIR 27/2893]

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| 1 GWTS Javelins flew 43h10m during the month. |  |  |  |  |
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**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May June 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2978]

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|                                                                                |   | ?               |         |                            |
| No. 2 Varsity/Vampire Course passing out reviewed by AVM R B Thompson, by air? |   |                 |         |                            |
| XF711                                                                          | L | Shackleton MR.3 | 201 Sqn | Diversion F/L W J McBurney |
| Diversion from Aldergrove.                                                     |   |                 |         |                            |

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 1961** [AIR 27/2893/1][AIR 27/2978]

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|                                                                         |   | ?               |         |                       |
| AOC Inspection by A/Cdre E C L Millington, arrived and departed by air. |   |                 |         |                       |
| XF711                                                                   | L | Shackleton MR.3 | 201 Sqn | To St Mawgan, see 3.5 |

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 1961** [AIR 27/2893]

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| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH782:A<br>Flew an Exercise Lynchpin jamming sortie against Valiant B.1 WP212 18 Sqn.<br>This was the last Exercise Lynchpin sortie. |  |  |  |  |
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**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May April 1961** [AIR 27/2911]

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------|-----------|
| XD165                                                                                                                              |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/O Ridge |
| Whilst on a training flight Coastguard reported a motor launch aground near Lligwy Beach, boat sighted but no assistance required. |  |                 |        |           |

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 1961** [Roundel 90-02]

|       |  |                |         |                       |
|-------|--|----------------|---------|-----------------------|
| XE374 |  | Sea Hawk FGA.6 | Airwork | 'RT702' to Abbotsinch |
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**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 1961** [logbook]

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| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 [XD534]:41 4 FTS [F/L Whittingham] air test. |  |  |  |  |

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911]

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  | Anson |  |  |
| Diverted in on one engine whilst en-route Aldergrove-St Mawgan. Whirlwind HAR.2 XK987 22 Sqn [F/S McArthur] scrambled and escorted the aircraft until it made a safe landing. Valley ORB quotes this as 14.5 whereas 22 Sqn ORB states 15.5 |  |       |  |  |

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2751/58][AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2968]

|                                                                                    |   |                 |         |                              |
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| 1 GWTS<br>Javelin FAW.7 XH783:B Firestreak fired <b>successfully</b> [W/C Harland] |   |                 |         |                              |
| WH913                                                                              | - | Canberra B.2    | 35 Sqn  | PD F/O I H R Robins          |
| WL678                                                                              | C | Varsity T.1     | 115 Sqn | F/L Lawson TACAN calibration |
| -                                                                                  |   |                 |         |                              |
| XK987                                                                              |   | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn  | F/O Richardson               |
| Scrambled to an overturned boat in Cemaes Bay, crew were rescued by another boat.  |   |                 |         |                              |

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 1961** [AIR 27/2751/58][AIR 27/3031]

|                                          |   |              |            |                    |
|------------------------------------------|---|--------------|------------|--------------------|
| WH913                                    | - | Canberra B.2 | 35 Sqn     | PD F/O N M Goodman |
|                                          |   |              | Oxford UAS |                    |
| Pre Summer Camp visit by the CO and CFI. |   |              |            |                    |

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 1961** [AIR 27/2911]

|                                                                         |  |                 |        |                |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------|----------------|
| XJ435                                                                   |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/O Richardson |
| Scrambled for a speedboat reported on rocks but no assistance required. |  |                 |        |                |

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 1961** [AIR 27/2968]

|       |   |             |         |                            |
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| WL678 | C | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | M/P Tune TACAN calibration |
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**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 1961** [DF][@MAR 10/22][AIR 27/2968]

|                                           |   |                 |         |                            |
|-------------------------------------------|---|-----------------|---------|----------------------------|
| XG589                                     |   | Whirlwind HAS.7 | RRE     |                            |
| From and to Pershore, Blue Orchid trials. |   |                 |         |                            |
| WS603                                     |   | Meteor NF.12    |         | Allocated 7567M to Valley  |
| WL678                                     | C | Varsity T.1     | 115 Sqn | M/P Tune TACAN calibration |

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 1961** [AIR 29/3506]

|                                          |  |              |      |  |
|------------------------------------------|--|--------------|------|--|
|                                          |  | Vampire T.11 | RAFC |  |
| Ran off the end of Runway 08, no damage. |  |              |      |  |

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/3005]

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|                                                                                                                                                                            |  | ?            |         |              |
| Annual Inspection by AVM W E Coles, arrived by air?<br>Solo display by F/L D A Proctor<br>Flypast by 3 Varsities [led by F/L M Tarrant] & 3 Vampires [led by S/L J Fraser] |  |              |         |              |
| WJ681                                                                                                                                                                      |  | Canberra B.2 | 245 Sqn | F/L D V Lord |
| Routed: Tangmere-Valley-Thorney Island-Tangmere.                                                                                                                           |  |              |         |              |

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 1961** [AIR 27/3122]

|                                                          |   |                  |         |                |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---|------------------|---------|----------------|
| WZ380                                                    | - | Valiant B[PR]K.1 | 543 Sqn | PD S/L J Sands |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XD534:41 4 FTS to Shawbury. |   |                  |         |                |

**June 1961** [AIR 27/2893]

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| 1 GWTS Javelins flew 48h25m during the month, 1 missile fired. |  |  |  |  |
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**June 1961** [RD]

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| Based noted: |  |  |  |  |



Vampire T.11 XD534:41 4 FTS visited Little Rissington.  
Seen here with Meteor T.7 WH235 behind.  
[Ray Deacon]

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 1961** [AIR 29/2498][AIR 27/2968]

|       |   |             |         |                               |
|-------|---|-------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| XA910 | - | Vulcan B.1  | 230 OCU | PD F/L J Wheeler              |
| WL621 | A | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | F/O Crews calibration N/stop  |
| WF389 |   | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | F/S Pearse from & to Tangmere |

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2954][AIR 27/2989][AIR 27/2968][MB]

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| WL684                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | B   | Varsity T.1               | 115 Sqn | F/O Jones GCA calibration |
| WL621                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | A   | Varsity T.1               | 115 Sqn | F/O Crews to Tangmere     |
| XD813                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | -   | Valiant BK.1              | 207 Sqn | PD F/L R W J Houghton     |
| XH554                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | -   | Vulcan B.2                | 83 Sqn  | PD S/L L G Sparge         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     | Victor B.1*               |         | PD                        |
| *Commander-in-Chief, Bomber Command onboard.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |     |                           |         |                           |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |     |                           |         |                           |
| XE857                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 49  | Vampire T.11              | 4 FTS   |                           |
| Heavy landing which removed the port mainwheel but succeeded in getting airborne again. After flying around to burn fuel the aircraft landed on a foam strip ending up in the overshoot without injury. Assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by DH from 9.6 returned to 4 FTS 17.9.61 |     |                           |         |                           |
| Pilot                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | P/O | Tony Northmore [7 Course] |         | Ok                        |

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 1961** [AIR 27/2888]

|                                             |  |                  |       |                            |
|---------------------------------------------|--|------------------|-------|----------------------------|
|                                             |  | [Pembroke/Anson] | FTCCS | F/O Patrick & F/L Sherriff |
| A/Cdre [Sidie] from White Waltham to Jurby. |  |                  |       |                            |

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1961** [AIR 27/3122]

|       |   |                  |         |              |
|-------|---|------------------|---------|--------------|
| WZ392 | - | Valiant B[PR]K.1 | 543 Sqn | PD AVM Dwyer |
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**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 1961** [AIR 27/2968]

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| WF389 | Q | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | F/S Pearse GCA calibration |
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**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 1961** [AIR 27/2945]

|       |   |              |        |               |
|-------|---|--------------|--------|---------------|
| XD827 | - | Valiant BK.1 | 49 Sqn | PD W/C Daniel |
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**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911]

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| XJ435                                                                                                 |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/O Ridge |
| 2 callouts, distress flares in Cemaes Bay but nothing seen plus capsized boat but again nothing seen. |  |                 |        |           |

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 1961** [AIR 29/3506][ADM 53/155869]

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |    | Gannet       | [849] NAS |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | :H | Scimitar F.1 | [804] NAS |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | :H | Scimitar F.1 | [804] NAS |  |
| <p>From HMS Hermes on exercise in the Irish Sea.</p> <p>This would probably have been HMS Hermes' first cruise.</p> <p>Hermes had been in the Far East 2.61 and was sailing from Falmouth to Lossiemouth.</p> <p>[804 were operating XD324:161:H XD323:162:H XD326:163:H XD325:165:H XD272:166:H]</p> |    |              |           |  |

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 29/2498]

|                                                                              |    |              |           |                  |
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|                                                                              | :H | Scimitar F.1 | [804] NAS |                  |
|                                                                              | :H | Scimitar F.1 | [804] NAS |                  |
| From HMS Hermes on exercise in the Irish Sea, see also 12.6.61               |    |              |           |                  |
| XA898                                                                        | -  | Vulcan B.1   | 230 OCU   | PD F/L J Wheeler |
| <p>Based noted:</p> <p>Varsity T.1 WL635:H 4 FTS to &amp; from Syerston.</p> |    |              |           |                  |

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 1961** [RAFM]

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| <p>Based noted:</p> <p>Vampire T.11 WZ553:40 4 FTS</p> |  |  |  |  |

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911]

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| XJ435                                                                                                                          |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/O Ridge |
| Searched for a missing motor boat without success. Coastguard reported the vessel safe in the early hours of the next morning. |  |                 |        |           |

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/3031]

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|                                                                                                                                     |  | 6x Chipmunk T.10 | OUAS | W/C R P Harding Oxford UAS |
| Annual Summer Camp until 28.7 should have arrived 17.6 but delayed due to weather at Valley. Arrived as 2 formations of 3 aircraft. |  |                  |      |                            |

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 1961** [AIR 27/2989]

|       |   |              |         |                    |
|-------|---|--------------|---------|--------------------|
| WZ403 | - | Valiant BK.1 | 207 Sqn | PD F/L K M Marwood |
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**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911]

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| XJ435                                                                                                                   |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/O Ridge |
| Fruitless search for a missing boat with 3 onboard, subsequent report received that the dinghy and occupants were safe. |  |                 |        |           |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XH368:[52] 4 FTS to Thorney Island.                                                        |  |                 |        |           |

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911]

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------|--------------|
| XJ435                                                              |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/S McArthur |
| Search for a small boat, on arrival it was being towed ashore.     |  |                 |        |              |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XH368:[52] 4 FTS from Thorney Island. |  |                 |        |              |

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 29/2668]

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| [WZ381]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | - | Valiant B[PR].1 | 232 OCU | From Gaydon |
| Landed on Runway 32 with a 'red' light for the nosewheel, aircraft shut down and left on the runway until 11:50 the following morning. Eventually departed back to Gaydon 28.6. WZ381 is mentioned in the 232 OCU ORB as having a 'defective retraction of nosewheel rectified'. |   |                 |         |             |

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 1961** [AIR 27/2751/60]

|       |   |              |        |                  |
|-------|---|--------------|--------|------------------|
| WJ732 | - | Canberra B.2 | 35 Sqn | PD F/O G N Gough |
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**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 1961** [AIR 29/2668][AIR 27/3031]

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| [WZ381]                                                                              | - | Valiant B[PR].1 | 232 OCU | To Gaydon, see 22.6 |
|                                                                                      |   | ?               |         |                     |
| Visit by Commandant CFS A/Cdre Connolly visited the Oxford UAS Summer Camp, by air ? |   |                 |         |                     |

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 1961** [AIR 29/3506]

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|                                                                 |  | Chipmunk T.10 | OUAS | Cadet Pilot Garey, Oxford UAS |
| Engine failure on take-off at 150ft, landed back on the runway. |  |               |      |                               |

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 1961** [AIR 29/3005][AIR 27/3031]

|                                                                            |   |              |         |                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------|---------|--------------------|
| WD955                                                                      | - | Canberra B.2 | 245 Sqn | F/L B E Rutherford |
| From and to Tangmere, calibrated Killard GCI site.                         |   |              |         |                    |
|                                                                            |   | Beverley C.1 | 47 Sqn  |                    |
| Used to transport Oxford UAS personnel from their Summer Camp to Abingdon. |   |              |         |                    |

**July 1961** [AIR 27/2893]

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| 1 GWTS Javelins flew 43h10m during the month, 7 missiles fired. |  |  |  |  |
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**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 1961** [AIR 27/2911]

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|                                                                        |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn |  |
| Demonstration at Llandudno for the Centenary Celebrations of the RNLI. |  |                 |        |  |



**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/3031]

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Oxford UAS Summer Camp completed, 2 <sup>nd</sup> one began.                                   |  |                 |        |                |
| -                                                                                                              |  |                 |        |                |
| XK987                                                                                                          |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/O Richardson |
| Scrambled to rescue a man overboard in Rhos[neigr]Bay, he had been rescued by the time the Helicopter arrived. |  |                 |        |                |

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1961** [AB]

|        |   |             |         |               |
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| G-ARLW | - | Cessna 172B | Private | From Llanbedr |
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**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1961** [AIR 29/2498]

|       |   |            |         |                       |
|-------|---|------------|---------|-----------------------|
| XA910 | - | Vulcan B.1 | 230 OCU | PD F/L V S Montgomery |
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**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 1961** [AIR 27/2888][AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2957][AIR 27/2968][MB]

|                                                            |   |                  |         |                         |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---|------------------|---------|-------------------------|
|                                                            |   | [Pembroke/Anson] | FTCCS   | F/O Patrick & M/N Lewis |
| SASO FTC, AVM H A V Hogan from White Waltham, departed 8.7 |   |                  |         |                         |
| XD817                                                      | - | Valiant BK.1     | 90 Sqn  | PD F/L K Davis          |
| WL678                                                      | C | Varsity T.1      | 115 Sqn | F/L Rourke              |
| Routed: Aldergrove-Valley-Tangmere.                        |   |                  |         |                         |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XE874 from 8 FTS to 4 FTS.    |   |                  |         |                         |

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1961** [AIR 29/3506]

|                                                                                                                                                                     |  |        |  |  |
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|                                                                                                                                                                     |  | Viking |  |  |
| Arrived with a group of MP's to visit TEGWRA [Trials Establishment Guided Weapons Royal Artillery] Ty Croes. This was to observe Thunderbird Missile firing trials. |  |        |  |  |

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911]

|                                                             |  |                 |        |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------|-------------|
| XK987                                                       |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/L Osborne |
| Scrambled for an overturned dinghy, lifeboat arrived first. |  |                 |        |             |

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 1961** [AIR 27/3031]

|                                                                              |  |  |  |  |
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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oxford UAS Summer Camp completed, 3 <sup>rd</sup> one began. |  |  |  |  |
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**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 1961**

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 GWTS<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH902:F Firestreak fired [W/C Harland]<br>*Direct hit on Jindivik 102 A92-108 which was destroyed. |  |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                                             |  |  |  |  |

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1961**

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| Based noted: |  |  |  |  |

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| Vampire T.11 [WZ553]:40 4 FTS [F/L Whittingham] air test.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |   |               |      |            |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |   |               |      |            |
| WG319                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | C | Chipmunk T.10 | OUAS | Oxford UAS |
| Struck a power point whilst taxiing over the grass at Valley. Flew 3 circuits & taxied back in when the damage was discovered. Assessed as beyond economic repair. Fuselage used for Instructional duties at Radley College, Abingdon, Oxfordshire by 1966. Oxford UAS were on their Summer Camp 18.6-28.7 |   |               |      |            |
| Pilot                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |   |               | Ok   |            |
| Pax                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |   |               | Ok   |            |

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 1961 [AIR 29/2856]

|                                                                                                  |     |            |         |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------------|---------|-----------|
| VV981                                                                                            | [-] | Anson T.21 | HQ CCCF | F/L Yates |
| From Ballykelly to Bovington with A/Cdre G L O'Hanlon. HQ Coastal Command Communications Flight. |     |            |         |           |

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 1961 [AIR 27/2892/76][AIR 29/3506][AIR 29/2498][MB]

|                                                         |   |            |         |                     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---|------------|---------|---------------------|
| *19 visiting aircraft.                                  |   |            |         |                     |
| XA929                                                   | - | Victor B.1 | 10 Sqn  | PD F/L I A Leinster |
| XH562                                                   | - | Vulcan B.2 | 230 OCU | PD S/L L C Spargo   |
|                                                         |   | Anson*     |         |                     |
|                                                         |   | V-Bombers* |         |                     |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XH274:[29] 4 FTS to 27 MU. |   |            |         |                     |

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 1961 [AIR 27/2954]

|       |   |            |        |                   |
|-------|---|------------|--------|-------------------|
| XJ782 | - | Vulcan B.2 | 83 Sqn | PD F/L B A Taylor |
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### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 1961 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2968]

|                            |   |               |         |                             |
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|                            |   | [Sea] Vampire | RN      |                             |
| Diverted in short of fuel. |   |               |         |                             |
| WL621                      | A | Varsity T.1   | 115 Sqn | F/L Adams TACAN calibration |

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 1961 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911]

|                                                                                                                                                                              |  |                  |        |                             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|------------------|--------|-----------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                              |  | ?x Chipmunk T.10 | OUAS   | W/C B P Harding, Oxford UAS |
| Departed on completion of their Summer Camp, the ground party departed 29/30.7                                                                                               |  |                  |        |                             |
| -                                                                                                                                                                            |  |                  |        |                             |
| XK987                                                                                                                                                                        |  | Whirlwind HAR.2  | 22 Sqn | F/S McArthur                |
| Scrambled to 2 men overboard between Rhoscolyn and Trearddur Bay, one had already been rescued but the helicopter picked up the other and then towed the boat close inshore. |  |                  |        |                             |

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 1961 [AIR 27/3031]

|                                                   |  |  |  |  |
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| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oxford UAS Summer Camp completed. |  |  |  |  |
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### August 1961 [AIR 27/2893]

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| 1 GWTS Javelins flew 21h35m during the month, 2 missiles fired. |  |  |  |  |
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**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911]

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------|----------------|
| XJ435                                                                                            |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/O Richardson |
| Scrambled to overturned boat, the occupants had however managed to right the boat and were safe. |  |                 |        |                |

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1961** [AIR 29/2498]

|       |   |            |         |                       |
|-------|---|------------|---------|-----------------------|
| XA898 | - | Vulcan B.1 | 230 OCU | PD F/L V S Montgomery |
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**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911]

|                                                                                       |  |                 |        |           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------|-----------|
| XJ435                                                                                 |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/O Ridge |
| Assisted in a search for a man wanted for shooting a Police Constable, no joy though. |  |                 |        |           |

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 1961** [AIR 27/2911][MB]

|                                                                                                         |  |                 |        |                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------|----------------|
| XK987                                                                                                   |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/O Richardson |
| Scrambled to a capsized yacht between Rhosneigr and Starvation Point, small boat rescued the occupants. |  |                 |        |                |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XE885:47 4 FTS transferred to 27 MU.                                       |  |                 |        |                |

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911]

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------|-----------|
| XK987                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/O Ridge |
| Scrambled to a small sinking boat, found the boat but the occupants were missing. On return sent to assist a girl swimmer swept out to sea, picked her up and landed on the beach to administer CPR but to no avail. |  |                 |        |           |

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2971]

|                                                                                                                      |   |                 |         |                     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------|---------|---------------------|
| XD868                                                                                                                | - | Valiant BK.1    | 138 Sqn | PD W/C H M Chinnery |
| -                                                                                                                    |   |                 |         |                     |
| XK987                                                                                                                |   | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn  | F/O Richardson      |
| Returning from a wet winching exercise a capsized boat was seen to sink off Red Wharf Bay, no occupants seen though. |   |                 |         |                     |
| XK987                                                                                                                |   | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn  | F/O Ridge           |
| Principal Keeper of the Skerries Lighthouse CASEVAC to Valley then by road to Hospital.                              |   |                 |         |                     |

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August 1961** [AIR 27/2728/90][AIR 29/2498]

|       |   |                 |         |                     |
|-------|---|-----------------|---------|---------------------|
| WZ377 | - | Valiant B[PR].1 | 7 Sqn   | PD F/L G S Webb     |
| XH558 | - | Vulcan B.2      | 230 OCU | PD F/L R M Crawford |

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August 1961** [AIR 27/2751/64]

|       |   |              |        |                      |
|-------|---|--------------|--------|----------------------|
| WH909 | - | Canberra B.2 | 35 Sqn | PD F/O J R Larcombe. |
|-------|---|--------------|--------|----------------------|

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 1961** [AIR 29/3506]

|                                                                                           |  |        |  |  |
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|                                                                                           |  | Auster |  |  |
| Appeared in the circuit towing a banner which it dropped and then landed. Did this twice. |  |        |  |  |

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 1961** [AIR 29/3506]

|                                                    |  |   |  |  |
|----------------------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
|                                                    |  | ? |  |  |
| AOC on an informal visit to fly a Varsity, by air? |  |   |  |  |

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 1961** [AIR 4/212]

|                         |     |            |      |         |
|-------------------------|-----|------------|------|---------|
| [XL593]                 | [N] | Hunter T.7 | DFCS | Mansell |
| From & to West Raynham. |     |            |      |         |

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 1961** [RAFM]

|                                                                                       |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|                                                                                       |  |  |  |  |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 [XD534]:41 4 FTS [F/L Whittingham] to Little Rissington. |  |  |  |  |

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 1961** [AIR 27/2751/64][AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911]

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------|--------|-------------------|
| WH719                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | - | Canberra B.2    | 35 Sqn | PD S/L D A Dobbie |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |   |                 |        |                   |
| XJ435                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |   | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/O Ridge         |
| Scrambled to a small boat in trouble off Rhosneigr, 3 boys picked up and deposited safely on the beach. 8mins after landing, scrambled to Church Bay on a report of a man in difficulties, man was picked up unconscious and landed on the beach where the Police took over whilst the search continued for a second person without success. 3 <sup>rd</sup> call out of the day [XJ435 F/S McArthur] was to recover the body of a 70yr old who with his wife had tried to assist other people in difficulties, sadly, they both lost their lives. |   |                 |        |                   |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 [XD534]:41 4 FTS [F/L Whittingham] from Little Rissington.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |   |                 |        |                   |

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 1961** [AIR 27/2888]

|                                                                                                     |  |                  |       |                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|------------------|-------|------------------------------|
|                                                                                                     |  | [Pembroke/Anson] | FTCCS | F/O Bebington & F/L Stringer |
| AVM H R Graham to attend the passing out of 4 Vampire/Varsity Course.<br>From and to White Waltham. |  |                  |       |                              |

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 1961** [AIR 27/2911]

|                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |                 |        |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------|--------------|
| XJ435                                                                                                                                                                           |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/S McArthur |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> rescue was a boat in difficulty in Church Bay, assistance not required. 2 <sup>nd</sup> rescue was a canoeist who had fallen into the sea, assisted by helpers. |  |                 |        |              |

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 1961** [AIR 29/3506]

|                                                                                                                                                                              |  |           |       |                                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------|-------|--------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                              |  | Lightning | EE Co | From Warton [English Electric] |
| Arrived to have a look at the circuit in preparation for the forthcoming BoB Display, departed after an impressive high-speed run, hotly pursued by phone calls from holiday |  |           |       |                                |

makers in Rhosneigr. Did not attend the actual Airshow though due to high winds.

Based noted:



[Jock Manson]

Jock Manson started his Course [11 V/V] with 4 FTS on this day until 13<sup>th</sup> March 1962. The Course are seen here with Vampire T.11 XE857:49 4 FTS with XD526:42 on the left. During the Vampire/Varsity Course he flew the following aircraft:

Vampire T.11

WZ512 WZ553 XD526 XD534 XD589 XD620 XE852 XE857 XE885 XH368 XK590 XK637

Varsity T.1

WF326 WJ912 WJ917 WJ920 WJ921 WL623 WL628 WL629 WL631 WL635 WL670

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1961** [AIR 29/3005]

|                                                       |     |              |         |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------------|---------|------------------|
| WH670                                                 | [-] | Canberra B.2 | 245 Sqn | F/O W M Craghill |
| From and to Tangmere, calibrated Hack Green GCI site. |     |              |         |                  |

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 1961** [AIR 29/3506]

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|                                                                                                                        |  |  |  |  |
| Based noted:<br>Varsity T.1 WL623:K 4 FTS F/L J Claydon.<br>Multiple birdstrikes on take-off [40 birds] landed safely. |  |  |  |  |



Possibly the same incident with Derek Askie. [Cynthia Askie]

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911]

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------|--------------|
| XJ435                                                                                                                                              |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/S McArthur |
| XJ432                                                                                                                                              |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/O Ridge    |
| 4 emergency calls, 2 persons rescued from the sea and a small boat escorted to shore. Sick child airlifted from Bardsey Island to Bangor Hospital. |  |                 |        |              |

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 1961** [AIR 27/2893]

|                                                      |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 GWTS                                               |  |  |  |  |
| *Firestreak missile fired at a Jindivik 102B target. |  |  |  |  |
| *Javelin FAW.7 XH901:F                               |  |  |  |  |
|                                                      |  |  |  |  |

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 1961** [SB][MT][AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911]

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|------------------------------------------------------|---|---------------|--------|--|
| 1 GWTS                                               |   |               |        |  |
| *Firestreak missile fired at a Jindivik 102B target. |   |               |        |  |
| XH782                                                | A | Javelin FAW.7 | 1 GWTS |  |





Landing on 20. [Mark Taylor Collection]

XH901

E

Javelin FAW.7\*

1 GWTS



Landing on Runway 20. [Mark Taylor Collection]

XH902

F

Javelin FAW.7

1 GWTS



Taken from the 14 [Cymyran] end with the Varsity T.1's and Vampire T.11's of 4 FTS, this was the main flightline before the flying units moved to the other side of the airfield on 11.7.64. [Mark Taylor Collection]



Another view of XH902:F on the GWTS flightline which later became STCAAME/AGWOEU. [Mark Taylor Collection]

|                                                                                       |  |                 |        |                |
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| -                                                                                     |  |                 |        |                |
| XJ435                                                                                 |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/O Richardson |
| Report of a swimmer swept away in Aberffraw Bay, search abandoned after 1hr, see 31.8 |  |                 |        |                |

### Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 1961 [AIR 29/3506]

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| Based noted:<br>Varsity T.1 WJ917:B 4 FTS M/P Williams.<br>Swung off the runway on landing, no damage. |  |  |  |  |

### Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 1961 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2945]

|                                                                                         |   |                 |        |                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------|--------|---------------------|
| XD818                                                                                   | - | Valiant BK.1    | 49 Sqn | PD F/L J H Faulkner |
| -                                                                                       |   |                 |        |                     |
| XJ435                                                                                   |   | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/O Richardson      |
| Recovered the body of a young boy from the sea who had been missing for 48hrs, this was |   |                 |        |                     |



|                                                               |  |                 |        |              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------|--------------|
| the same person as 29.8                                       |  |                 |        |              |
| XJ435                                                         |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/S McArthur |
| Report of man drifting in a dinghy near Pensarn, false alarm. |  |                 |        |              |

**September 1961** [AIR 27/2893]

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| 1 GWTS Javelins flew 21h20m during the month, 2 missiles fired. |  |  |  |  |
|                                                                 |  |  |  |  |

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 1961** [AIR 27/2893]

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 GWTS<br>*Firestreak missile fired at a Jindivik 102B target.<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH782:A  |  |  |  |  |
|                                                                                           |  |  |  |  |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 [XD526]:42 4 FTS [F/L Whittingham] to & from Linton-on-Ouse. |  |  |  |  |

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 1961** [ABpic]

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| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XH368:52 4 FTS noted at Odiham. |  |  |  |  |

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 1961** [AIR 27/2954]

|       |   |            |        |                      |
|-------|---|------------|--------|----------------------|
| XH554 | - | Vulcan B.2 | 83 Sqn | PD F/L M A Allsworth |
|-------|---|------------|--------|----------------------|

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 1961** [AIR 27/2911]

|                                                                   |  |                 |        |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------|--------------|
| XJ435                                                             |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/S McArthur |
| Scrambled to capsized dinghy in the Inland Sea, no help required. |  |                 |        |              |

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 1961** [AIR 29/2498]

|       |   |            |         |                       |
|-------|---|------------|---------|-----------------------|
| XH532 | - | Vulcan B.1 | 230 OCU | PD F/L V S Montgomery |
|-------|---|------------|---------|-----------------------|

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 1961** [RAFM]

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|                                                                 |  |  |  |  |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 [XE852]:58 4 FTS to Church Fenton. |  |  |  |  |

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 1961** [AIR 27/2888][AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2987]

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|                                                                                                                             |   | [Pembroke/Anson] | FTCCS   | F/L Houghton & Lambert |
| AM Sir H Constantine from Ternhill to Shawbury. Farewell visit. As he left for his aircraft Varsityes & Vampires flew past. |   |                  |         |                        |
| WR978                                                                                                                       | E | Shackleton MR.3  | 206 Sqn | F/L Lynn               |
| From & to                                                                                                                   |   |                  |         |                        |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 [XE852]:58 4 FTS from Church Fenton.                                                           |   |                  |         |                        |

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 1961 [RAFM]**

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| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 [XD534]:41 4 FTS to Benson. |  |  |  |  |

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 1961 [RAFM]**

|                                                            |  |  |  |  |
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|                                                            |  |  |  |  |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 [XD534]:41 4 FTS from Benson. |  |  |  |  |

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 1961 [NWAN/MGAE article by JRW][KR][AIR 29/3506][DP][JJ]**

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| RAF Valley Battle of Britain 'At Home' Display.<br>11:00-18:00<br>Attended by 9,162.<br>Flying Display limited by high winds up to 60kts in the afternoon. |  |  |  |  |
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AT HOME**

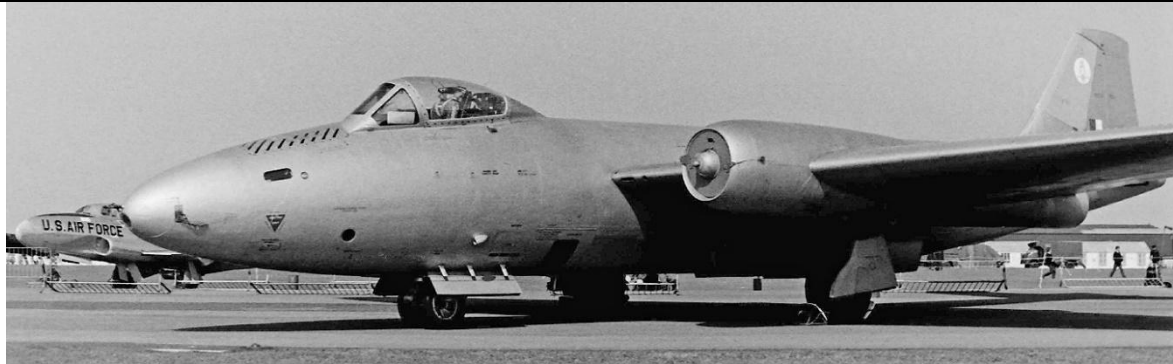
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| Serial | Code | Type          | Unit   | Home Base/Notes            |
|--------|------|---------------|--------|----------------------------|
| XH169  | -    | Canberra PR.9 | 58 Sqn | F/L J A Edwards from Wyton |



[Ken Richards]

|       |    |               |      |                         |
|-------|----|---------------|------|-------------------------|
| WP980 |    | Chipmunk T.10 | LUAS | Woodvale, Liverpool UAS |
| XF969 | 26 | Hunter F.4    | ETPS | Farnborough             |

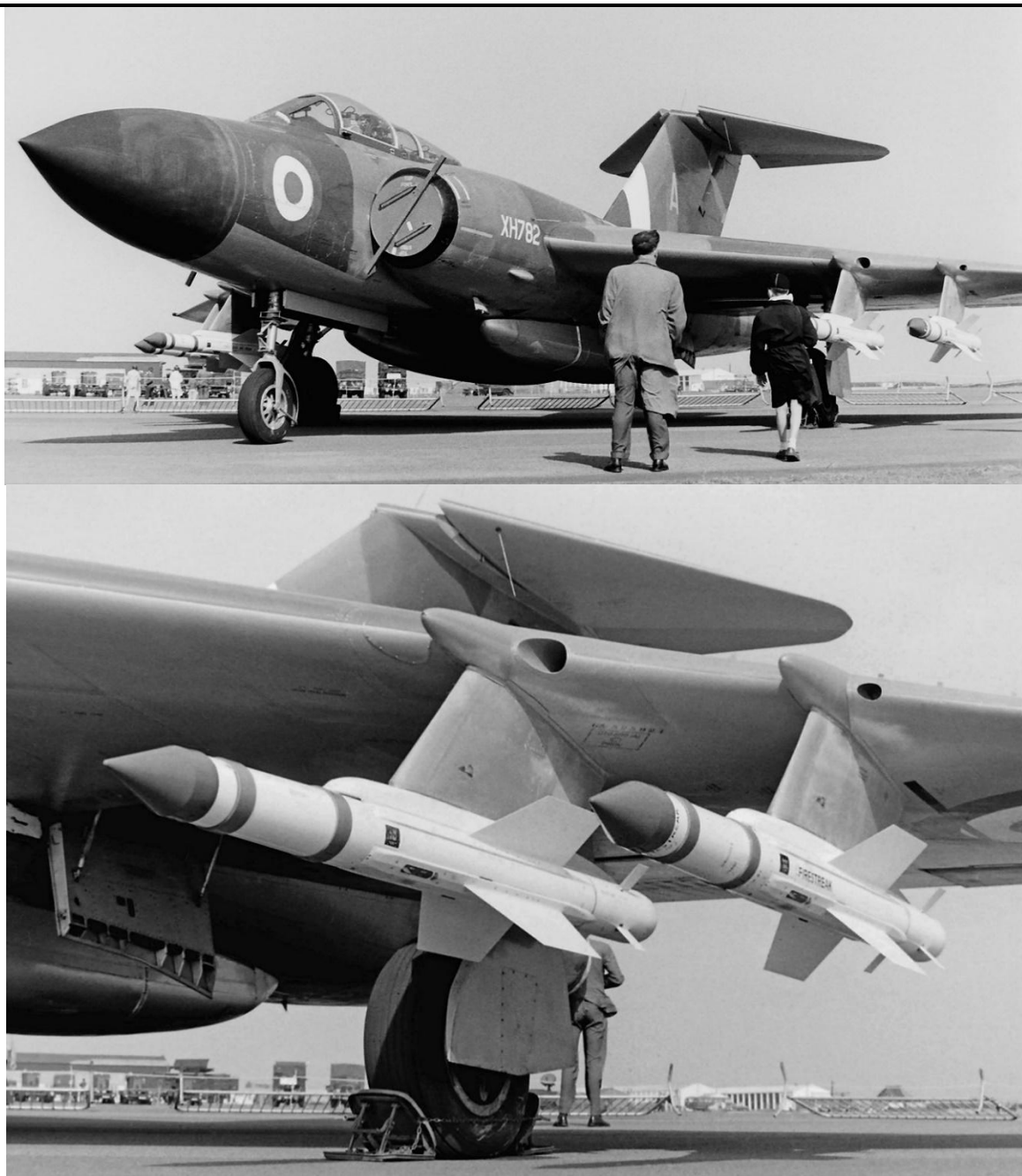


[Ken Richards]

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|-------|---|---------------|--------|--------|
| XH782 | A | Javelin FAW.7 | 1 GWTS | Valley |
|-------|---|---------------|--------|--------|



[unknown]



Firestreak Missiles. [Both: Ken Richards]

XN553

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JP T.3

RAFC

Cranwell



The RAF College badge can be seen on the nose. [Ken Richards]

|       |     |             |        |        |
|-------|-----|-------------|--------|--------|
| WA658 | [G] | Meteor T.7  | 1 GWTS | Valley |
| WZ361 | -   | Valiant B.1 | 49 Sqn | Marham |



Taking off on the short runway, 20. [Both: Ken Richards]

|       |   |              |        |                              |
|-------|---|--------------|--------|------------------------------|
| XD857 | - | Valiant BK.1 | 49 Sqn | F/L P G Wildgust from Marham |
|-------|---|--------------|--------|------------------------------|





Arrived 15.9 and departed back to Marham 16.9 at 17:26. [Both: Ken Richards]

|         |     |              |        |                 |
|---------|-----|--------------|--------|-----------------|
| XE857   | 49  | Vampire T.11 | 4 FTS  | Valley          |
| WL623   | K   | Varsity T.1  | 4 FTS  | Valley          |
| 57-0460 | 460 | C-130A*      | 322 AD | Evereux, France |

\*Subsequently sold to the South Vietnamese Air Force. On 3.4.75 1/Lt Pham-Quang-Khiem & Maj Nguyen Huu Canh stole this aircraft and flew it and their Families to Singapore. It is now the property of the National Air and Space Museum, Virginia, USA. [322 Air Division]





[Ken Richards]

|         |   |       |        |              |
|---------|---|-------|--------|--------------|
| 57-0547 | - | T-33A | 20 FBW | Wethersfield |
|---------|---|-------|--------|--------------|



[Ken Richards]

| Around the Aerodrome:                     |     |                     |           |                  |
|-------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------|-----------|------------------|
| TX157                                     |     | Anson C.19          | FTCCS     | White Waltham    |
| F/L Raeder & P/O Arworthy with AVM Hogan. |     |                     |           |                  |
| G-AGXD                                    | -   | Auster J-1 Autocrat | Private   | Pleasure flights |
| WT513                                     | [-] | Canberra PR.7       | [17 Sqn]  | Wildenrath       |
| G-AFGI                                    | -   | Chilton DW.1        | S/L Baker | Valley resident  |
| XD425                                     | 21  | Vampire T.11        | 4 FTS     | Valley           |
| WZ502                                     | 35  | Vampire T.11        | 4 FTS     | Valley           |
| XD543                                     | 42  | Vampire T.11        | 4 FTS     | Valley           |

|       |    |              |       |        |
|-------|----|--------------|-------|--------|
| XD620 | 60 | Vampire T.11 | 4 FTS | Valley |
|-------|----|--------------|-------|--------|



This is the aircraft that subsequently crashed at Rhostrehwfa near Llangefni on 8.8.62. The Valley ORB mentions one aircraft being towed to the take-off point due to high winds, this one possibly?

[Ken Richards]

|         |    |              |       |           |
|---------|----|--------------|-------|-----------|
| [WZ458] | 21 | Vampire T.11 | 8 FTS | Oakington |
| [WZ447] | 35 | Vampire T.11 | 8 FTS | Oakington |
| [XE987] | 42 | Vampire T.11 | 8 FTS | Oakington |
|         |    | Vampire T.11 | 8 FTS | Oakington |

Or 5 FTS based aircraft?

|       |   |                 |        |                            |
|-------|---|-----------------|--------|----------------------------|
| WL670 | A | Varsity T.1     | 4 FTS  | Valley                     |
| WJ917 | B | Varsity T.1     | 4 FTS  | Valley also flew           |
| WJ921 | C | Varsity T.1     | 4 FTS  | Valley also flew           |
| WF326 | D | Varsity T.1     | 4 FTS  | Valley                     |
| WJ912 | E | Varsity T.1     | 4 FTS  | Valley or BCBS ? also flew |
| WL629 | G | Varsity T.1     | 4 FTS  | Valley also flew           |
| WL635 | H | Varsity T.1     | 4 FTS  | Valley                     |
| WL628 | J | Varsity T.1     | 4 FTS  | Valley                     |
| XJ435 | - | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | Valley                     |

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|---------|--|--|--|--|
| Flying: |  |  |  |  |
|---------|--|--|--|--|

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| VM338 | [-] | Anson C.19* | [23 Gp CF] | Church Fenton |
|-------|-----|-------------|------------|---------------|

\*Arrived with AOC 23 Group onboard.

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| [WT568] |  | Canberra |  | [this is a Hunter serial] |
|---------|--|----------|--|---------------------------|

Possibly XH568.

|         |      |                  |         |                      |
|---------|------|------------------|---------|----------------------|
| [WD945] |      | Canberra B.2     |         | [towing a target ?]  |
| WD966   |      | Canberra B.2     |         | Refuelling [WT568] ? |
| XK699   | 699  | Comet C.2        | 216 Sqn | Lyneham              |
| XN593   | 48   | JP T.3           | [2 FTS] | Syerston             |
| VW478   | [25] | Meteor T.7       | [CFS]   | Overall dayglo       |
| XF680   | P-T  | Provost T.1      | [CFS]   |                      |
| WG555   | N    | Shackleton MR.2* | 204 Sqn | F/O L F Smith        |

\*Routed: Colerne-Abingdon-Valley-Aldergrove.

|       |   |              |        |               |
|-------|---|--------------|--------|---------------|
| XD818 | - | Valiant BK.1 | 49 Sqn | S/L A I Alder |
|-------|---|--------------|--------|---------------|

|                                                                                       |   |                    |         |            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------------|---------|------------|
| Displayed at Valley and Aldergrove.                                                   |   |                    |         |            |
| XH619                                                                                 | - | Victor B.1 or 1A ? |         |            |
| XA909                                                                                 | - | Vulcan B.1         | 101 Sqn | Waddington |
|                                                                                       |   | F-100              |         |            |
|                                                                                       |   | F-100              |         |            |
| -                                                                                     |   |                    |         |            |
| Based noted:<br>Varsity T.1 WJ939:A 4 FTS [or CNCS ?] Coltishall BoB display, static. |   |                    |         |            |

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 1961 [MB]

|                                                                                  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|                                                                                  |  |  |  |  |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XE857:49 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 2.6.61 |  |  |  |  |

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 1961 [RAFM]

|                                                                     |  |  |  |  |
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|                                                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 [XD534]:41 4 FTS to & from Coltishall. |  |  |  |  |

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1961 [AIR 27/3122][AIR 27/2937]

|                     |   |                  |         |                    |
|---------------------|---|------------------|---------|--------------------|
| WZ391               | - | Valiant B[PR]K.1 | 543 Sqn | PD S/L J D Clayton |
| XH170               | - | Canberra PR.9*   | 58 Sqn  | F/L J A Edwards    |
| *From and to Wyton. |   |                  |         |                    |

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1961 [AIR 27/2888]

|                                                   |  |                  |       |                      |
|---------------------------------------------------|--|------------------|-------|----------------------|
|                                                   |  | [Pembroke/Anson] | FTCCS | F/L Davey & Stringer |
| A/Cdre Dudgeon & Carpenter, from and to Hawarden. |  |                  |       |                      |

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 1961 [AIR 29/3506]

|                                                                                                                                                                 |  |          |            |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|----------|------------|--|
|                                                                                                                                                                 |  | Viscount | Aer Lingus |  |
| Landed 08:30 to pick up the Sunday Newspapers as Birmingham, Liverpool & Manchester Airports were closed. It originally arrived at 04:30 but Valley was closed! |  |          |            |  |

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 1961 [AIR 27/2728/92]

|       |   |             |       |                   |
|-------|---|-------------|-------|-------------------|
| WZ369 | - | Valiant B.1 | 7 Sqn | PD F/L K J Lovett |
|-------|---|-------------|-------|-------------------|

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 1961 [AIR 27/2893]

|                                                                                                          |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 GWTS<br>*Firestreak missile fired at a Meteor U.16 target, target destroyed.<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH784:C |  |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                          |  |  |  |  |

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 1961 [AIR 29/3506]

|       |     |                   |           |               |
|-------|-----|-------------------|-----------|---------------|
| XP293 | [-] | Twin Pioneer CC.2 | [209 Sqn] | F/L Jancewicz |
|-------|-----|-------------------|-----------|---------------|

|                                                                                                                            |  |                 |        |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------|--|
| A Maj/Gen to visit the TA HQ, Caernarfon. Also flew a local sortie <b>with the Stn Cdr.</b>                                |  |                 |        |  |
| -                                                                                                                          |  |                 |        |  |
|                                                                                                                            |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn |  |
| Picked up a civilian from Bardsey Island because the Lifeboat was unable to do so. His father was seriously ill in London. |  |                 |        |  |

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 1961** [AIR 29/3506]

|                                                                                                     |  |   |  |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
|                                                                                                     |  | ? |  |  |
| No.5 Vampire/Varsity Course passed out, reviewed by AVM K V Garside, by air? Flypast of 6 Vampires. |  |   |  |  |

**October 1961** [AIR 27/2893]

|                                                                 |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 GWTS Javelins flew 40h50m during the month, 7 missiles fired. |  |  |  |  |
|                                                                 |  |  |  |  |

**October 1961** [RD]

|                                                                                                                    |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|                                                                                                                    |  |  |  |  |
| Based noted:                                                                                                       |  |  |  |  |
|                                 |  |  |  |  |
| Vampire T.11 XK637:56 4 FTS visited Little Rissington.<br>With Vampire T.11 XE893:[VS] CFS behind.<br>[Ray Deacon] |  |  |  |  |

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911]

|                                                        |  |                 |        |              |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------|--------------|
| XJ726                                                  |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/S McArthur |
| Transferred a RTA victim to Liverpool Walton Hospital. |  |                 |        |              |

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1961** [AIR 27/2893]

|                                                                     |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 GWTS                                                              |  |  |  |  |
| *Firestreak missile fired at Meteor U.16 WH365:H, target destroyed. |  |  |  |  |
| *Javelin FAW.7 XH902:F                                              |  |  |  |  |
|                                                                     |  |  |  |  |

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 1961** [AIR 27/2893][AIR 4/245]

|        |  |  |  |  |
|--------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 GWTS |  |  |  |  |
|--------|--|--|--|--|



A92-106 is seen here at Llanbedr. [Tudor Rowlands Collection]

\*Firestreak missile fired at Jindivik 102B A92-106, target destroyed.

\*Javelin FAW.7 XH784:C

|                     |   |             |      |             |
|---------------------|---|-------------|------|-------------|
| WJ939               | A | Varsity T.1 | CNCS | F/O Molland |
| From & to Shawbury. |   |             |      |             |

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 1961 [AIR 29/2498]

|                                                             |   |            |         |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---|------------|---------|------------------|
| XH532                                                       | - | Vulcan B.1 | 230 OCU | PD F/L W S Green |
| Based noted:<br>Varsity T.1 WL631:F 4 FTS to & from Brawdy. |   |            |         |                  |

#### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 1961 [AB][AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2925][AIR 27/2978]

St Mawgan went on reinforced alert with a scramble at 05:51, the aircraft were diverted to Valley after 7hrs on task. Valley was 42 Sqn's wartime deployment base; Valley ORB confirms 8 aircraft, 201 Sqn assisted 42 Sqn by transporting ground personnel.

|       |   |                 |         |                  |
|-------|---|-----------------|---------|------------------|
| WL737 | D | Shackleton MR.2 | 42 Sqn  | S/L R J Cutler   |
| WL754 | F | Shackleton MR.2 | 42 Sqn  | W/C J R Ramsden  |
| WL785 | A | Shackleton MR.2 | 42 Sqn  | F/L L R Hill     |
| WR952 | E | Shackleton MR.2 | 42 Sqn  | F/L P Carlisle   |
| WR955 | C | Shackleton MR.2 | 42 Sqn  | F/L T J Wood     |
| WR958 | D | Shackleton MR.2 | 42 Sqn  | F/L A Margetts   |
| WR986 | M | Shackleton MR.3 | 201 Sqn | F/L W J McBurney |
| XF709 | N | Shackleton MR.3 | 201 Sqn | F/L G Chadwick   |
| 4707  |   | P2V-5F Neptune* | ESC ?   | Portuguese AF    |

\*Called on 121.5 as the 8 Shackletons arrived, landed on one engine.

#### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 1961 [AB][AIR 27/2978][AIR 27/2893]

1 GWTS

\*Firestreak missile fired at Meteor U.16 WK993:X, target destroyed.

\*Javelin FAW.7 XH784:C [W/C Harland]

\*\*Firestreak missile fired at a Jindivik 102B target.

\*\*Javelin FAW.7 XH783:B

\*\*\*Firestreak missile fired at a Jindivik 102B target.



|                                                                                                                                            |  |                |       |               |
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| ***Javelin FAW.7 XH783:B                                                                                                                   |  |                |       |               |
| 4708                                                                                                                                       |  | P2V-5F Neptune | ESC ? | Portuguese AF |
| The Shackletons from 11.10 were scrambled from Valley at 07:00.<br>After 7hrs on task they flew direct to their base, St Mawgan, see 11.10 |  |                |       |               |

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 1961** [AIR 27/2728/94][AIR 27/2989]

|                                       |   |                  |         |                  |
|---------------------------------------|---|------------------|---------|------------------|
| WZ403                                 | - | Valiant BK.1     | 207 Sqn | PD S/L W C Cox   |
| WP223                                 | - | Valiant B[PR].1* | 7 Sqn   | PD F/L A T Court |
| *PD's at St Mawgan, Valley & Manston. |   |                  |         |                  |

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 1961** [AB]

|      |  |       |       |               |
|------|--|-------|-------|---------------|
| 6605 |  | C-54A | ESC ? | Portuguese AF |
|------|--|-------|-------|---------------|

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 1961** [AB]

|      |  |       |       |               |
|------|--|-------|-------|---------------|
| 6605 |  | C-54A | ESC ? | Portuguese AF |
|------|--|-------|-------|---------------|

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 1961** [AB][AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2943]

|                                              |   |                      |         |                     |
|----------------------------------------------|---|----------------------|---------|---------------------|
| G-ATOH                                       | - | Chipmunk 22          | Private | Also 23.10          |
| G-AILW                                       | - | Bristol Freighter 21 | Private | Trans World Leasing |
|                                              |   | ?                    |         |                     |
| New AOC-in-C, AM G A Walker visited, by air? |   |                      |         |                     |
| XH646                                        | - | Victor B.1A          | 55 Sqn  | PD F/L D Mobberley  |

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 1961**[AIR 27/2889/38]

|                                            |     |              |     |               |
|--------------------------------------------|-----|--------------|-----|---------------|
| WV736                                      | [-] | Pembroke C.1 | MCS | F/L J Barnard |
| Routed: Northolt-Cranwell-Valley-Northolt. |     |              |     |               |

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1961** [AIR 29/2498][AIR 27/2911]

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |   |                 |         |                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------|---------|------------------|
| XA896                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | - | Vulcan B.1      | 230 OCU | PD F/L J Wheeler |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |   |                 |         |                  |
| XJ726                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |   | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn  | F/L Rigby        |
| Dinghy reported overturned in the Menai Straits, no occupants, reported to Beaumaris Lifeboat. The same crew were also involved in a search for the Porthdinllaen Lifeboat which had been missing for 8hrs, it was sighted returning to its base. |   |                 |         |                  |

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 1961** [AIR 27/2888]

|                                               |     |                  |       |                           |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----|------------------|-------|---------------------------|
|                                               | [-] | [Pembroke/Anson] | FTCCS | F/O Patrick & F/L Lambert |
| AM Sir A Walker from Ouston to White Waltham. |     |                  |       |                           |

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 1961** [AIR 27/2911]

|                                                                         |  |                 |        |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------|-----------|
| XJ432                                                                   |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/L Rigby |
| CASEVAC from Aberystwyth to Royal Victoria Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne. |  |                 |        |           |

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 1961** [AB][BJ][AIR 27/3122]

|        |   |                  |         |                           |
|--------|---|------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| G-APRT | - | Taylor Monoplane | Private | Speke-Dublin, P J Houston |
| WZ396  | - | Valiant B[PR]K.1 | 543 Sqn | PD S/L D N Clayton        |

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 1961** [AB][BJ]

|        |   |             |         |  |
|--------|---|-------------|---------|--|
| G-ARLW | - | Cessna 172B | Westair |  |
|--------|---|-------------|---------|--|

**November 1961** [AIR 27/2893]

|                                                                 |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 GWTS Javelins flew 53h10m during the month, 5 missiles fired. |  |  |  |  |
|                                                                 |  |  |  |  |

**November 1961** [RD]

|                                                                                     |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|                                                                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Based noted:                                                                        |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Vampire T.11 XE852:58 4 FTS visited Little Rissington. [Ray Deacon]                 |  |  |  |  |

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 1961** [AIR 27/2968]

|                                   |   |             |         |                               |
|-----------------------------------|---|-------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| WL691                             | N | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | F/S Farman from & to Tangmere |
| Carried out ILS trials at Valley. |   |             |         |                               |

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1961** [AB]

|        |   |       |            |  |
|--------|---|-------|------------|--|
| EI-ACE | - | DC-3D | Aer Lingus |  |
|--------|---|-------|------------|--|

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1961** [RAFM][@MAR]

|                                                        |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|                                                        |  |  |  |  |
| Based noted:                                           |  |  |  |  |
| Varsity T.1 WL635:H 4 FTS 'JJO59' to & from Prestwick. |  |  |  |  |
| Varsity T.1 WJ921:C 4 FTS to & from St Athan.          |  |  |  |  |

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 1961** [AB]

|        |   |                  |         |  |
|--------|---|------------------|---------|--|
| G-AAZP | - | DH.80A Puss Moth | Private |  |
| G-ARFT | - | Jodel DR.1050    | Private |  |

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 1961** [AB]

|        |   |       |            |  |
|--------|---|-------|------------|--|
| EI-ACE | - | DC-3D | Aer Lingus |  |
|--------|---|-------|------------|--|

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 1961** [AIR 27/2945]

|                                                                                                                      |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 GWTS<br>*Firestreak missile fired against a Meteor U.16 target [WK812] target destroyed.<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH782:A |  |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                                      |  |  |  |  |

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 1961** [AIR 27/2945]

|                                                                                                                                             |   |              |        |                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------|--------|--------------------|
| 1 GWTS<br>*Firestreak missile fired against a Meteor U.16 target, <b>missile failed to explode.</b><br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH782:A [W/C Harland] |   |              |        |                    |
| XD824                                                                                                                                       | - | Valiant BK.1 | 49 Sqn | PD F/L B J Conchie |

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 1961** [AIR 29/3506]

|                                                                                            |  |   |  |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
|                                                                                            |  | ? |  |  |
| Passing out parade for No. 6 Vampire/Varsity Course attended by AVM F S Stapleton, by air? |  |   |  |  |
|                                                                                            |  |   |  |  |

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 1961** [AIR 27/2945]

|       |   |              |        |                      |
|-------|---|--------------|--------|----------------------|
| XD822 | - | Valiant BK.1 | 49 Sqn | PD S/L J Cheesbrough |
|-------|---|--------------|--------|----------------------|

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 1961** [BJ][AIR 27/3122][AIR 27/2968]

|                                                                           |   |                  |         |                             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| G-ARLW                                                                    | - | Cessna 172B      | Westair |                             |
| WZ391                                                                     | - | Valiant B[PR]K.1 | 543 Sqn | PD S/L Sands                |
| WZ396                                                                     | - | Valiant B[PR]K.1 | 543 Sqn | PD F/L G Harper             |
| WL678                                                                     | C | Varsity T.1      | 115 Sqn | M/P Jones TACAN calibration |
| Based noted:<br><b>Varsity T.1 WJ917:B 4 FTS to &amp; from Oakington.</b> |   |                  |         |                             |

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 1961** [AB][AIR 27/2968]

|                                                                                                            |   |             |         |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-------------|---------|------------|
| G-ARCK                                                                                                     | - | Cessna 175A | Private |            |
| WL678                                                                                                      | C | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | F/L Rayner |
| Mona RVT 195 & Valley TACAN calibration.                                                                   |   |             |         |            |
| Based noted:<br><b>Varsity T.1 WJ917:B 4 FTS to Jurby.</b><br><b>Varsity T.1 WL670:A 4 FTS from Jurby.</b> |   |             |         |            |

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 1961** [AIR 27/2945]

|                                                                                                         |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1 GWTS<br>*Firestreak missile fired at Meteor U.16 WH349:E, target destroyed.<br>*Javelin FAW.7 XH782:A |  |  |  |  |
|                                                                                                         |  |  |  |  |

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 1961** [AIR 27/2968]

|       |   |             |         |                             |
|-------|---|-------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| WL621 | A | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | F/L Birch TACAN calibration |
|-------|---|-------------|---------|-----------------------------|

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 1961** [AIR 27/2968]

|                                                                                                                                                    |   |             |         |                             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-------------|---------|-----------------------------|
| WL621                                                                                                                                              | A | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | F/L Birch TACAN calibration |
| WF383                                                                                                                                              | E | Varsity T.1 | 115 Sqn | M/P Brooke from Tangmere    |
| ILS calibration until 23.11                                                                                                                        |   |             |         |                             |
| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 [XD534]:41 4 FTS to & from Syerston.<br>This was to allow the Stn Cdr to fly JP '545 2 FTS. ['545 is not a JP serial] |   |             |         |                             |

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1961** [AIR 29/2498][AIR 27/3122][AIR 27/2968]

|                                 |   |                  |         |                            |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| XH562                           | - | Vulcan B.2       | 230 OCU | PD F/L P Thomas            |
| WZ392                           | - | Valiant B[PR]K.1 | 543 Sqn | PD F/L F M Haynes          |
| WF383                           | E | Varsity T.1      | 115 Sqn | M/P Brooke ILS calibration |
| Then departed back to Tangmere. |   |                  |         |                            |

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 1961** [AIR 27/3122]

|       |   |                  |         |                     |
|-------|---|------------------|---------|---------------------|
| WZ392 | - | Valiant B[PR]K.1 | 543 Sqn | PD W/C C G Jeffries |
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**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 1961** [RAFM]

|                                                                 |  |  |  |  |
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|                                                                 |  |  |  |  |
| Based noted:<br>Varsity T.1 WJ912:E 4 FTS to & from Ballykelly. |  |  |  |  |

**December 1961** [AIR 27/2945]

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| 1 GWTS Javelins flew 28h15m during the month, 4 missiles fired. |  |  |  |  |
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**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911]

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------|-----------|
| XJ726                                                                                   |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/L Rigby |
| Scrambled to assist a small boat in difficulties off Llandudno, no contact made though. |  |                 |        |           |
| Based noted:<br>Varsity T.1 WL670:A 4 FTS to & from Ronaldsway.                         |  |                 |        |           |

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 1961**

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| Based noted:<br>Vampire T.11 XE885:47 4 FTS to West Raynham [Stn Cdr to fly a Canberra there] see 7.12 |  |  |  |  |

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1961**

|                                                                 |  |              |  |                 |
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|                                                                 |  | Canberra T.4 |  | PD F/L D'Avoine |
| This was the Valley Stn Cdr re-familiarisation on the Canberra. |  |              |  |                 |

Based noted:  
Vampire T.11 XE885:[47] 4 FTS from West Raynham.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 1961** [AIR 27/2911]

|                                                                         |  |                 |        |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------|-----------|
| XJ726                                                                   |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/O Ridge |
| Report of small boat adrift off Rhos Head, occupants of base were safe. |  |                 |        |           |

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 1961** [AIR 27/2728/98]

|       |   |                 |       |                   |
|-------|---|-----------------|-------|-------------------|
| WZ378 | - | Valiant B[PR].1 | 7 Sqn | PD F/L K J Lovett |
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**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 1961** [AIR 27/2977][AIR 27/2968]

|                                                 |   |                 |         |                              |
|-------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------|---------|------------------------------|
| WZ379                                           | - | Valiant B[PR].1 | 148 Sqn | Diversion F/L F Hillard      |
| Diverted in whilst enroute Goose Bay to Marham. |   |                 |         |                              |
| WL678                                           | C | Varsity T.1     | 115 Sqn | F/L Birch TACAN calibration  |
| WF389                                           | Q | Varsity T.1     | 115 Sqn | M/P Neale MPN 11 calibration |

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 1961** [AIR 27/2888][AIR 27/2977]

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|                                                                                              |   | [Pembroke/Anson] | FTCCS   | F/O Patrick & F/L Lambert |
| AM Sir A Walker & Mrs Walker plus Air Cdre & Mrs Dudgeon from White Waltham, returning 16.12 |   |                  |         |                           |
| WZ379                                                                                        | - | Valiant B[PR].1  | 148 Sqn | To Marham, see 14.12      |

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 1961** [AIR 27/2989]

|       |   |                 |         |                   |
|-------|---|-----------------|---------|-------------------|
| WP221 | - | Valiant B[PR].1 | 207 Sqn | PD F/L G J Rondel |
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**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 1961** [AIR 29/3506]

|                                        |  |              |         |  |
|----------------------------------------|--|--------------|---------|--|
|                                        |  | Varsity T.1* | [CN&CS] |  |
|                                        |  | Varsity T.1* | [CN&CS] |  |
|                                        |  | Varsity T.1* | [CN&CS] |  |
| *All weather diversions from Shawbury. |  |              |         |  |

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 1961** [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2977]

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|                                                                            |   | ?                |         |                            |
| AVM W E Coles attended the graduation of 7 Vampire/Varsity Course, by air? |   |                  |         |                            |
| WZ384                                                                      | - | Valiant B[PR].1* | 148 Sqn | Diversion F/L R Allexander |
| *Diverted in whilst enroute: El Adem to Marham.                            |   |                  |         |                            |

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1961** [AIR 27/2977]

|       |   |                 |         |                      |
|-------|---|-----------------|---------|----------------------|
| WZ384 | - | Valiant B[PR].1 | 148 Sqn | To Marham, see 20.12 |
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**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December 1961** [AIR 27/2989]

|       |   |              |         |                  |
|-------|---|--------------|---------|------------------|
| WZ401 | - | Valiant BK.1 | 207 Sqn | PD F/L B T Gould |
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**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 1961** [AIR 27/2911]

|                                                                                                |  |                 |        |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------|-----------|
| XJ432                                                                                          |  | Whirlwind HAR.2 | 22 Sqn | F/O Ridge |
| CASEVAC from Cymdu near Llansilin to Oswestry Hospital, aircraft remained there until morning. |  |                 |        |           |