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RAF Valley

Aircraft Movements

1963

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**Additional Unit movements: 115/201/204/206 Sqn.
Additional Gnat details by Mike Bursell.**

SUMMARY

1963 saw the introduction of the Gnat T.1 into service with Flying Training Command.

The RAF training syllabus at the time was:

Basic, 48 week/160 hrs on the JP T.3 & T.4 at:

1 FTS Linton-on-Ouse, 2 FTS Syerston, 3 FTS Leeming, 6 FTS Acklington, 7 FTS Church Fenton.

RAFC Cadets flew 170hrs before joining the advanced units.

Advanced [pre Gnat T.1]: 24 weeks/70hrs on Vampire T.11 at:

4 FTS Valley and 8 FTS Swinderby.

Transport/Maritime students to 5 FTS Oakington, Vampire T.11/Varsity T.1

Helicopter students CFS[H] at Ternhill, Sycamore/Whirlwind.

Lightning 226 OCU Middleton St George

Hunter 229 OCU Chivenor

Vulcan 230 OCU Finningley

Victor/Valiant 232 OCU Gaydon

Canberra 231 OCU Bassingbourn

Argosy/Beverley/Hastings/Valetta 242 OCU Thorney Island

Shackleton MOTU Kinloss



Gnat T.1 XP503:03 4 FTS seen over RAF Valley 21.3.63

The Main Gate can be seen bottom left with the Airmens Quarters middle right.

The Officers Mess can be seen in the far middle distance.

[Dick Thomas Collection]

Abbreviations	
BABS	Blind Approach Beacon System
[F]BW	[Fighter] Bomber Wing [USAF]
CAACU	Civilian Anti-Aircraft Co-operation Unit
CAFU	Civil Aviation Flying 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
FCIRS	Fighter Command Instrument Rating Squadron
FTCCS	Flying Training Command Communications Squadron
FTS	Flying Training School
GCA	Ground Controlled Approach
GWDS	Guided Weapons Development Squadron
GWTS	Guided Weapons Trials Squadron
HQ CCCF	Headquarters Coastal Command Communications Flight
HQ FC	Headquarters Fighter Command
MCS	Metropolitan Communications Squadron
MoA	Ministry of Aviation
MOTU	Maritime Operational Training Unit
MPC	Missile Practice Camp

NAS	Naval Air Squadron
OCU	Operational Conversion Unit
PD	Practice Diversion
RAE	Royal Aircraft Establishment
RAFC	Royal Air Force College
RAFFC	Royal Air Force Flying College
RRE	Radar Research Establishment
Sqn	Squadron
TERA	Trials Establishment Royal Artillery
TRW	Tactical Reconnaissance Wing [USAF]
UAS	University Air Squadron

Students arriving at 4 FTS Valley had completed 160 hours on the JP T.3. At Valley they would fly 70 hours on the Gnat T.1, this would change by 1973 to 100 hours on the JP T.3 & 45 hours on the JP T.5 followed by 85 hours on the Gnat.

ATC Frequencies in use during 1963 were:

Valley Tower 384.4

Valley Approach 374.1

Valley Director 250.4

Valley Talkdown 254.3

Aberporth Primary 250.5/Secondary 272.8]

Valley based aircraft at the beginning of 1963.

Gnat T.1 4 FTS

XP502:02 XP503:03 XP504:04 XP506:06

Vampire T.11 4 FTS

WZ512 XD403 XD444 WZ553:40 XD534:41 XD526:42 XD543:42 XE884:43 XE821:44

XK590:45 XH306:46 XE874:47 WZ583:48 XK625:48 XE857:49 XD589:50 XD445:51 XH368:52

XD535:54 WZ612:55 XK637:56 XD525:57 XE852:58 XD405:61 XD375:63 XE924:64

Whirlwind HAR.10 C Flt/22 Sqn

XP348 XP354

Wednesday 2nd January 1963 [AIR 27/2968]

WL678	C	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Howe TACAN calibration
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Wednesday 9th January 1963 [AIR 27/3005]

WK162	-	Canberra B.2	245 Sqn	F/L W H P Brown
From and to Tangmere, calibrated Hack Green GCI site.				

Thursday 10th January 1963 [AIR 29/3212]

VP965	[-]	Devon C.1	MCS	F/L Bishop from & to Northolt.
Director General of RAF Medical Services, AM Nelson visited.				

Friday 11th January 1963 [AIR 27/3122]

WZ382	-	Valiant B[PR]K.1	543 Sqn	PD S/L G Harper
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Wednesday 16th January 1963

G/C R K Orrock assumes command of the Station.				

Thursday 17th January 1963 [AIR 27/3122]

WZ389	-	Valiant B[PR]K.1	543 Sqn	PD S/L B Stansfield
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Tuesday 22nd January 1963 [BJ][AIR 27/2888][AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911]

G-ARND	-	PA-22 Colt 108	Private	To Speke, Lancs Aero Club
		[Pembroke/Anson]	FTCCS	F/O Patrick & F/L Tew
AOC-in-C Flying Training Command, AM Sir A Walker, flew in a Gnat in the afternoon. From and to Northolt.				
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XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Rigby
CASEVAC from Ty Croes Army Camp to RAF Cosford, refuelled at Ternhill.				
XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridge
Report of aircraft in difficulties and a fire on a hillside, turned to be a gorse fire and no trace of an aircraft.				

Wednesday 23rd January 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Richardson
Animal feed supplied to a farmhouse at Llanferres near Mold at the request of the Ministry of Agriculture.				

Monday 28th January 1963 [AIR 27/2988]

XF702	B	Shackleton MR.3	206 Sqn	F/L Abel
Routed: St Mawgan-Valley-Langar.				

Tuesday 29th January 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S McArthur
Attempt to drop animal feed at Moel Famau Farm, Mold. Sortie abandoned due to weather, returned to Valley.				

Thursday 31st January 1963 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911][MB]

XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Richardson
Animal feed dropped in the Mold area.				
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XE857	49	Vampire T.11	4 FTS	
Raised the undercarriage on Runway 32 because he could not stop due to ice. Aircraft assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 18.2 back to 4 FTS 1.5.63				
Pilot	F/L	Chaplin	Ok	

February 1963 [AIR 29/3506]

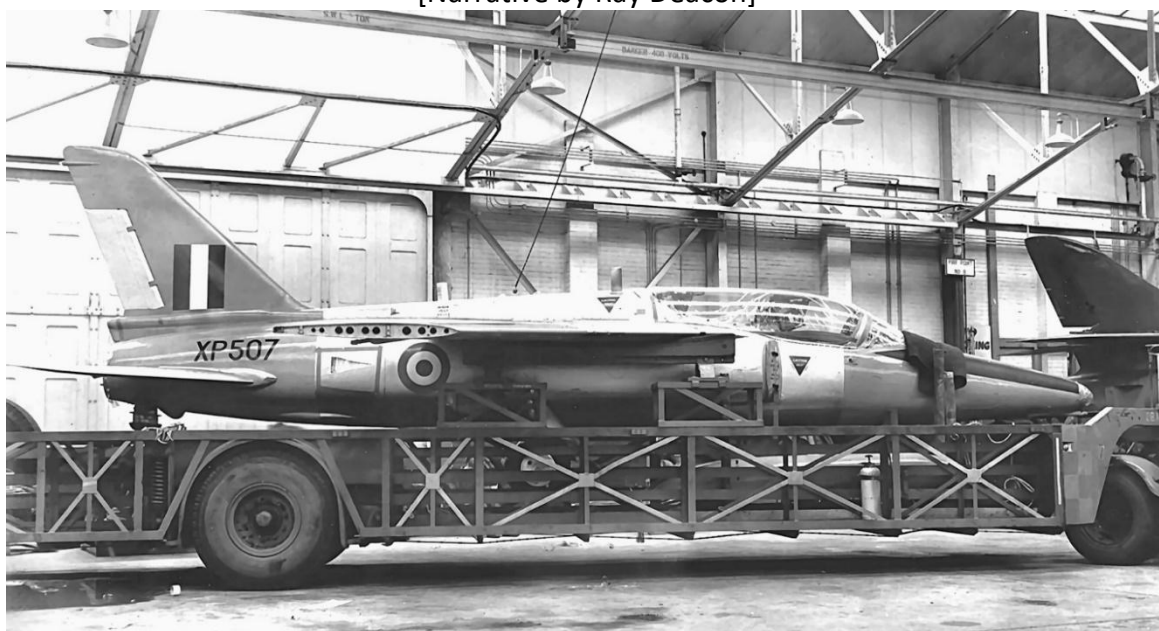
No MPC's.

Several diversions during February:
Britannias/Canberras/Comet/Hastings/Valiants.

In February 1963, during that severe winter, Little Rissington was deep in snow, and nothing flew for around six weeks. Up on Anglesey, where conditions were not so bad, 4 FTS was in the initial phase of an Intensive Flying Trial programme on the Gnat and desperate to acquire more Gnats. Dunsfold too was closed for flying, so there was no way of flying new aircraft up to Valley. However, seven airmen were transported along slippery roads from Little Rissington to Dunsfold with instructions to load a pair of new Gnats onto low-loaders [known as Queen Marys] and drive them up to Valley. The fuel was drained, and wingtips removed for the journey. As the road through the Welsh mountains remained impassable, the airmen and aircraft remained at Dunsfold for six days to wait a thaw. When it came, the decision was taken to fly the pair up to Valley which they duly did. Both XP507 and XP509 reached 4 FTS on 13.2.63

The photographs depict XP507 already loaded on a Queen Mary inside a hangar at Dunsfold as XP509 is raised by crane to enable a Queen Mary to be slipped underneath. The photographs below are credited to Malcolm 'Tom' Thomas, who was the Chief in charge of the aborted mission.

[Narrative by Ray Deacon]



Gnat T.1 XP507

[Malcolm 'Tom' Thomas via Ray Deacon]



Gnat T.1 XP509
[Malcolm 'Tom' Thomas via Ray Deacon]

Monday 4th February 1963 [BJ]

G-ARND	-	PA-22 Colt 108	Private	To Speke, Lancs Aero Club
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Tuesday 5th February 1963 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XK590:45 back from DH to 4 FTS, see 31.10.62				

Wednesday 6th February 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP348	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S McArthur
CASEVAC from a snowbound ambulance 14nms S of Aberystwyth, flight was then cancelled as patient was too ill to be moved.				

Friday 8th February 1963 [AIR 27/2940][AIR 27/2911]

XG461	G	Belvedere HC.1	72 Sqn	From Odiham, F/L W F Burke
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XP348		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Rigby & F/O Richardson
2 sorties to drop animal feed in the [Treganiog] and Rhayader areas.				

Saturday 9th February 1963 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2959][AIR 27/2940][AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/3000]

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Commandant CFS, A/Cdre H A C Bird-Wilson attended the graduation of 14 Vampire Course, by air?				

XM496	496	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	Diversion 'RRR6834' F/L W Coburn.
XL659	659	Britannia C.1*	99 Sqn	Diversion 'RRR6342' F/L J D Brown.
Weather diversions, '6834 from Goose Bay-Lyneham & '6342 from El Adem-Lyneham.				
XK699	699	Comet C.2	216 Sqn	Diversion 'RRR2226' F/L K N Wilson
Diverted whilst enroute Idris-Lyneham, later departed same day to Lyneham.				
XG461	G	Belvedere HC.1	72 Sqn	To Stranraer-Aldergrove, see 8.2
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XP348		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Abortive sortie due to weather to drop animal feed in the Rhayader area.				

Sunday 10th February 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP348		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Richardson
Animal feed dropped in the Henfron area.				

Monday 11th February 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP348		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S McArthur
Animal feed dropped in the Rhayader area, but sortie abandoned due to weather.				

Tuesday 12th February 1963 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/3005][AIR 27/2968]

WJ603	-	Canberra B.2	245 Sqn	PD M/P S E Tomlin
WL692	P	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Cullingham from & to Tangmere
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XP348		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridge
Animal feed dropped in the Rhayader area.				

Wednesday 13th February 1963 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2968][MB]

WL622	R	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Birch
Routed: Tangmere-Valley-Leuchars-Tangmere.				
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XP348		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Richardson
Animal feed dropped to farms isolated by snow.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP507:- 4 FTS delivery from Dunsfold [F/L Hyman] became '07'. Gnat T.1 XP509:- 4 FTS delivery from Dunsfold [S/L King] became '09'				

Thursday 14th February 1963 [AIR 27/2968]

WL688	G	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	M/P Tune from & to Tangmere
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Friday 15th February 1963 [AIR 27/3005][AIR 27/2968]

WE122	-	Canberra B.2	245 Sqn	F/O E J F Lusted
WJ603	-	Canberra B.2	245 Sqn	M/P S E Tomlin
Both calibrated Aberporth before landing at Valley, both then departed to Thorney Island.				
WL692	P	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Cullingham from & to Tangmere

Saturday 16th February 1963 [AIR 27/3121]

XM489	489	Britannia C.1	511 Sqn	'RRR6880' F/L J A Boardman
Diversion enroute El Adem-Lyneham, departed same day to Lyneham.				

Monday 18th February 1963 [AIR 27/3122][AIR 27/2968]

WP223	-	Valiant B[PR].1	543 Sqn	PD F/L A V Potter
WL688	G	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Rayner from Tangmere

Tuesday 19th February 1963 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2937]

WH802	-	Canberra PR.7	58 Sqn	PD F/L R G Alenius
XP348		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Rigby
Animal feed dropped in the Llanbedr area.				
XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S McArthur
13 supply drops of animal feed in the Tregaron area.				

Wednesday 20th February 1963 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2990]

XD865	-	Valiant BK.1	207 Sqn	Diversion at 18:30 F/L F C Wells
XP348		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S McArthur
23 supply drops of animal feed carried out in the Elan Valley area.				
XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Rigby
The aircraft was based in the Elan Valley for 2 days dropping animal feed. A fuel bowser from RAF Ternhill refuelled the aircraft.				

Thursday 21st February 1963 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2990][IE]

XD865	-	Valiant BK.1	207 Sqn	To Marham, see 20.2
TG553	553	Hastings T.5	BCBS	S/L Roffey to Lindholme
XP348		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Richardson
6 drops of animal feed dropped in the Llanbedr area.				

Friday 22nd February 1963 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2941][AIR 27/2977]

XD823	-	Valiant BK.1	49 Sqn	F/L J H Faulkner from & to Marham
WZ393	-	Valiant B[PR]K.1	148 Sqn	Diversion W/C H K Rees 19:25
WZ363	-	Valiant B.1	148 Sqn	Diversion F/L K Marwood 19:10
All were part of Exercise 'Anchor'				
XP348		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Richardson
Supply drops of animal feed dropped in the Llanigon area.				
XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S McArthur
Supply drops of animal feed in the Llanbedr and Elan Valley areas.				

Saturday 23rd February 1963 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2977]

WZ393	-	Valiant B[PR]K.1	148 Sqn	To Marham, see 22.2
WZ363	-	Valiant B.1	148 Sqn	To Marham, see 22.2
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XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Rigby
Cries for help heard near the Menai suspension bridge, nothing seen, then flew to Llanbedr, refuelled and carried out animal feed supply drops in the Llanbedr area. Finally, CASEVAC from Abergwngu Farm to Llanidloes but unable to reach the farm due to darkness and thick mist.				

Sunday 24th February 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP348		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S McArthur
CASEVAC from 23.2 carried out successfully.				

Monday 25th February 1963 [AB][AIR 27/2888][AIR 27/3121]

		[Pembroke/Anson]	FTCCS	F/L Liversidge & Molyneux
A/Cdre Coward, from and to White Waltham.				
VV964	-	Anson C.21	Valley SF	Station Flight
XN392	392	Britannia C.2	511 Sqn	'RRR6926'
Routed: Lyneham-Vaerlose [Denmark]-Valley-Lyneham.				
				
A Varsity can be seen in the left background of this photograph. [Mark Taylor Collection]				
		Varsity T.1		

Tuesday 26th February 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP348		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Rigby
5 drops of animal feed dropped in the Rhayader area.				

Wednesday 27th February 1963 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP512:- 4 FTS delivery [F/L Gerry Honey] became '12'				

March 1963 [AHB]

XP405	W-D	Whirlwind HAR.10	CFS	
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With 4 FTS Gnat T.1's XP511:11 & XP512:12 in the right background. Although painted in the yellow SAR scheme this is an example from the CFS Detachment at Ternhill with the 'W-' codes. The image is dated March 1963. This was the main Gnat flightline until 11th July 1964 when the flying was transferred to the North side of the airfield.

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Friday 1st March 1963 [AB][AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2997][AIR 27/2968][MB]

XD861	-	Valiant BK.1	214 Sqn	PD F/L C Powell
WL684	B	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Rayner ILS calibration
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XP348	-	Whirlwind HAR.10*	22 Sqn	F/O Ridge
XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10*	22 Sqn	F/O Richardson
*Both carried out supply drops to isolated farms and villages cut off by snowstorms.				
Based noted: 13 Gnat T.1's now on strength with 4 FTS. XP502 XP503 XP504 XP506 XP507 XP509 XP511 XP512 XP513 XP514 XP532 + 2. Gnat T.1 XP511:- [F/L Doyle] & XP514:- [F/L Fox] 4 FTS delivery, became '11' & '14' [XP514 was taken on charge with 4 FTS on 4.3]				

Saturday 2nd March 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP348	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S McArthur
Supply drops to isolated farms and villages cut off by snowstorms.				

Sunday 3rd March 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Richardson
Man reported overboard from a canoe at the end of Llandudno Pier, nothing seen despite an extensive search.				

Thursday 7th March 1963 [AIR 27/3005][AIR 27/2968]

WH670	-	Canberra B.2	245 Sqn	DECCA check, F/L P H F Wright
WL691	N	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Grozier ILS calibration

Friday 8th March 1963 [AIR 27/3005][AIR 27/2968]

WH670	-	Canberra B.2	245 Sqn	To Tangmere, see 7.3
WL691	N	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	M/P Tune from & to Tangmere

Monday 11th March 1963 [AIR 27/2941]

XD829	-	Valiant BK.1	49 Sqn	PD S/L A I Alder
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Tuesday 12th March 1963 [AIR 27/2968][MB]

WL692	P	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Rayner ILS calibration
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP532:- 4 FTS [F/L Gerry Honey] delivery, became '32' on 13.3				

Wednesday 13th March 1963 [AIR 27/3122]

WZ389	-	Valiant B[PR]K.1	543 Sqn	PD F/L J N Murphy
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XE857	49	Vampire T.11	4 FTS	
Brake failure on landing at Valley, undercarriage raised to stop.				
Pilot	F/L	Chaplin	Ok	

Thursday 14th March 1963 [AIR 29/3655]

XL387	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L D A Taylor
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Friday 15th March 1963 [AIR 27/2990][AIR 27/3005][AIR 27/2984]

WZ402	-	Valiant BK.1	207 Sqn	PD F/L E G Sherman
WJ611	-	Canberra B.2	245 Sqn	F/S K S Neate
Calibrated Hack Green GCI site then departed to Tangmere.				
WG555	N	Shackleton MR.2	204 Sqn	PD F/L Cole

Monday 18th March 1963 [Pprune MAINJAFAD][AIR 29/3506][MB]

41 Sqn arrived from Wattisham for their MPC. 41 Sqn MPC 18.3-? 2 Firestreak missiles fired. XH977 can be seen in the MPC Course photo.				
		Javelin FAW.8	41 Sqn	MPC W/C J F Pinnington
XH977	D	Javelin FAW.8	41 Sqn	MPC



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		?		
AOC 19 Group carried out annual inspection of 22 Sqn, by air?				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP513:[-] 4 FTS [F/L Sommers] delivery, became '13'				

Tuesday 19th March 1963 [DW][MB]

Based noted: 4x Gnat T.1 4 FTS First ever 4-ship Gnat formation flight, precursor to the Yellowjacks. Flown by F/L's D Brett, Dawson, A Pollock & R Carrey. Gnat T.1 XP510:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Fox] became '10'				

Wednesday 20th March 1963 [AIR 29/3506]

VX580	[580]	Valetta C.2	MCS	F/L Sharples, from & to Northolt.
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Thursday 21st March 1963 [AHB]

Based noted: These are 2 images taken during an air-to-air sortie over Anglesey on this day. Gnat T.1 4 FTS XP503:03 XP504:04 XP506:06 XP511:11				
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Beaumaris Pier can be seen top left with Gallows Point behind '03' as they fly down the Menai Straits towards Menai Bridge.

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In this view the Gaerwen-Amlwch railway line can be seen running right to left under XP506:06 with Parys Mountain top left. XP504:04 is directly above the site that would be developed in the future as the Rhosgoch Oil Farm near Amlwch.

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Friday 22nd March 1963 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911]

New ATC Tower opened between 17:00 22.3 & 08:00 25.3.

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XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S McArthur
CASEVAC from Barrow-in-Furness to Preston Royal Infirmary. Mrs Charnley, suffering from a brain haemorrhage.				

Monday 25th March 1963 [BJ]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	From Speke
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Tuesday 26th March 1963 [DF][AIR 27/2888][AIR 27/2968]

WH702	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	From Pershore
		[Pembroke/Anson]	FTCCS	F/O Patrick & F/L Tew
AM Sir A Walker from Jurby to White Waltham 27.3				
		[Pembroke/Anson]	FTCCS	F/L Harries & Stringer
SASO FTC, AVM R C Ayling, from and to South Cerney.				
WL622	R	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	M/P Geary ILS calibration

Wednesday 27th March 1963 [DF]

WH702	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	To Pershore
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Thursday 28th March 1963 [AIR 27/2888]

		[Pembroke/Anson]	FTCCS	M/P Glover & F/L Stringer
AVM R C Ayling to White Waltham.				

April 1963 [RD]

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Based noted:



Gnat T.1 XP514:14 4 FTS visited Little Rissington.
Seen on the Little Rissington CFS Gnat flight line with :6 behind.
[Ray Deacon]

Tuesday 2nd April 1963 [AIR 27/2888][AIR 27/3005][MB]

WK144	-	Canberra B.2	245 Sqn	F/L N Greenhow
Northern calibration run, landed, and later departed to Tangmere.				
		[Pembroke/Anson]	FTCCS	F/L Windsor/Handle
General Schlitchting? From Cranwell to Little Rissington.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP516:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Dale] became '16'				

Wednesday 3rd April 1963 [AIR 27/2990]

WZ401	-	Valiant BK.1	207 Sqn	PD F/L Howard
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Thursday 4th April 1963 [AIR 27/2941]

XD823	-	Valiant BK.1	49 Sqn	PD F/L M J Sparrow
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Sunday 7th April 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Richardson
3 fishermen stranded on a sandbank, stood by as they waded ashore.				

Tuesday 9th April 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Trial flight carried out with TERA, Ty Croes as a prelude to Exercise 'Red-eye Radiation'				

Wednesday 10th April 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Richardson
Mostyn pilot boat adrift, sortie discontinued due to weather.				

Sunday 14th April 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP348	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Richardson
Assisted Llandudno lifeboat in search for a missing cabin cruiser, later found with survivors picked up by a Coaster.				

Saturday 20th April 1963 [BJ]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	From Speke
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Monday 22nd April 1963 [AIR 27/2888][AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2937][MB]

		[Pembroke/Anson]	FTCCS	S/L Walker & F/L Stringer
AOA FTC, AVM R B Thompson, from and to White Waltham.				
WT503	-	Canberra PR.7	58 Sqn	PD F/O C R Adams
Based noted: Vampire T.11 WZ583:48 4 FTS to 27 MU.				

Wednesday 24th April 1963 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2968][MB]

WL688	G	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	M/P Bishop TACAN calibration
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WZ612	55	Vampire T.11	4 FTS	

Red light for the port mainwheel, undercarriage collapsed on landing at Valley. **It was damaged beyond repair and struck off charge 29.4.63**

Instr	F/O	Wells	Ok
Student			Ok

Thursday 25th April 1963 [BJ][**AIR 4/221**]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	To Speke
XP687	36	JP T.4	3 FTS	F/L Bobrowski

Friday 26th April 1963 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2912][AIR 29/3398]

XR391	-	Heron C.4*	Queens Flt	'RRR1160' S/L J Severn
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*HRH Princess Margaret, enroute to Menai Bridge to open a new school.
This would be Ysgol Gyfun David Hughes.
Routed: London-Valley-London-Benson.
[Dick Thomas Collection]

VW856	-	Valetta C.1	FCCS	23 Sqn MPC support from Leuchars
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[Kevin Patience]

Saturday 27th April 1963 [BJ]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	From Speke
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Sunday 28th April 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Richardson
CASEVAC from Llandudno Hospital to Oswestry Hospital with a RTA patient.				

Monday 29th April 1963 [G/C Mel Evans logbook*][Pprune MAINJAFAD][AIR 27/2912]

23 Sqn arrived from Leuchars for their MPC.				
23 Sqn MPC 29.4-17.5, 5 Firestreak missiles fired.				
XH793*	A	Javelin FAW.9	23 Sqn	MPC [W/C Owen]
XH849*	C	Javelin FAW.9	23 Sqn	MPC
XH886*	G	Javelin FAW.9	23 Sqn	MPC
XH887	Q	Javelin FAW.9	23 Sqn	MPC
XH707*	T	Javelin FAW.9	23 Sqn	MPC



Air to Air of XH707:T during MPC.
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MPC Flight Line Valley 13.5.63
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23 Sqn MPC Crews with Javelin FAW.9 XH707:T in the background.
Firestreak air-to-air missile in the foreground.
[Steve Bond Collection]

[VW856]	[-]	Valetta C.[1]	[FCCS]	23 Sqn MPC support.
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		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Trial flight carried out with TERA, Ty Croes as a prelude to Exercise 'Red-eye Radiation.'				

Monday 30th April 1963 [AIR 27/2888][AIR 29/3506]

	[Pembroke/Anson]	FTCCS	F/O Patrick & S/L Clarks
AOC-in-C FTC, AM Sir A Walker, from & to White Waltham.			

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Tuesday 1st May 1963 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XE857:49 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 31.1.63				

Sunday 5th May 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP348	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Richardson
Scrambled to a dinghy adrift 1nm from Llanbedrog, dinghy sighted, and survivor picked up but told a companion had drowned. Survivor taken to N Wales Sailing Club and a search carried out for the second occupant, nothing seen, RNLI informed.				

Monday 6th May 1963 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2912][MB]

23 Sqn MPC 1x Firestreak fired [XH793:A]				
		?		
AOC-in-C FTC, AVM Sir A Walker visited, by air? [Air Officer Commander-in-Chief Flying Training Command]				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD403 4 FTS transferred to 8 FTS.				

Tuesday 7th May 1963 [AIR 27/2888]

		[Pembroke/Anson]	FTCCS	S/L Nowakowski & F/L Parker
AOA FTC, AVM R B Thompson, from and to White Waltham.				

Wednesday 8th May 1963 [AIR 27/2912]

23 Sqn MPC 1x Firestreak fired [XH849:C] Jindivik 102B A92-232 destroyed.				

Thursday 9th May 1963 [AIR 27/2968]

WL685	S	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Cullingham MPN 11 calibration
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Friday 10th May 1963 [AIR 27/2979]

WR977	O	Shackleton MR.3	201 Sqn	F/L Maycock
From & to St Mawgan 15:30/18:05.				

Tuesday 14th May 1963 [AIR 27/2912]

23 Sqn MPC 1x Firestreak fired [XH707:T]				

Wednesday 15th May 1963 [AIR 27/2912][AIR 27/2911][AIR 29/3591][MB]

23 Sqn MPC



A92-233 seen here at Llanbedr. [Tudor Rowlands Collection]

1x Firestreak fired [XH886:G] Jindivik 102B A92-233 destroyed.

		Javelin T.3*	FCIRS	F/L Cowley of the FCIRS
*Commander-in-Chief was also onboard to observe an MPC missile firing. From Middleton St George.				
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XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridge
Dinghy in trouble .5nm South of Criccieth, no assistance required.				
Based noted: Vampire [T.11] 4 FTS F/L D A Proctor Came second in the Wright Jubilee Trophy at Little Rissington. Vampire T.11 XH368:[52] 4 FTS to 27 MU.				

Thursday 16th May 1963 [AIR 27/2912]

23 Sqn MPC 1x Firestreak fired [XH793:A]				

Friday 17th May 1963 [AIR 27/2912][Pprune MAINJAFAD][AIR 27/2912][AIR 27/3122]

23 Sqn departed back to Leuchars post their MPC.				
XH793	A	Javelin FAW.9	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
XH849	C	Javelin FAW.9	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
XH886	G	Javelin FAW.9	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
XH887	Q	Javelin FAW.9	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
XH707	T	Javelin FAW.9	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
		Hastings C.		23 Sqn support to Leuchars.
WZ391	-	Valiant B[PR]K.1	543 Sqn	PD S/L J D Clayton

Saturday 18th May 1963 [BJ][AIR 27/2911][MB]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	From Speke after servicing
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XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridge
Small boat aground Salisbury Bank, Dee Estuary, informed assistance not required.				

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP533:[-] [F/L Pollock] delivery, to 4 FTS 20.5 became '33'				
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Sunday 19th May 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Perry
Search for an overdue Auster, recalled as aircraft had landed safely at Exeter airport.				

Monday 20th May 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Richardson
Report of a boat in difficulty but on arrival the 'boat' was an amphibious vehicle, assistance not required.				

Tuesday 21st May 1963 [AIR 27/3122]

WZ391	-	Valiant B[PR]K.1	543 Sqn	PD F/L F M Haynes
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Thursday 23rd May 1963 [AIR 29/3506]

VP967	[-]	Devon C.1	MCS	M/P Morris, from & to Northolt
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Friday 24th May 1963 [BJ][AIR 27/2892/120]

		?	[Northolt]	'JNT04' From Speke
XA937	-	Victor B.1	10 Sqn	PD F/L F G E Gatter

Saturday 25th May 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Rigby
5 youths airlifted from mud bank after becoming stranded with their dinghy.				

Sunday 26th May 1963 [AIR 27/2888]

	[-]	[Pembroke/Anson]	FTCCS	F/L Liveruid/Sherriff
A/Cdre & Mrs Coward from White Waltham, returning 27.5				

Monday 27th May 1963 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD526:42 [4] FTS declared CAT.5 and struck off. Was it at Valley ?				

Tuesday 28th May 1963 [BJ]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	From Speke
Based noted: Anson C.21 VV964 Valley Station Flight visited Speke Airport.				

Thursday 30th May 1963 [AIR 29/3506]

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AOC 23 Group, AVM W E Coles, Annual Inspection, by air?				

June/July 1963 [Pprune MAINJAFAD]

No MPC's due to Runway 14/32 resurfacing work.
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June 1963 [CJ]

	-	Sea Prince T.1	[FONAC]	Flag on nose
				
Most probably landing on either 02 or 08 after crossing the dunes. [Fleet Officer Naval Air Command] Dated June 1963. [Cyril Jones collection]				

Saturday 1st June 1963 [BJ][AIR 27/2911]

G-ARKT	-	PA-22 Colt 108	Lancs AC	From Speke, Aero Club
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XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
Another busy day with 3 rescues. Firstly, 2 RAF Officers picked up safely from a capsized yacht off Starvation Point. Secondly, a father and daughter were picked up from a capsized dinghy near Holyhead Breakwater and landed at Sandy Beach Caravan Park. Thirdly, search for a missing yacht between Glasson and Barrow, nothing seen, informed later that the yacht had been found.				
Based noted: Anson C.21 VV964 Valley Station Flight 'HSN01' visited Speke Airshow. Gnat T.1 XP506:06 4 FTS visited Speke, returned 3.6				

Sunday 2nd June 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
Possible capsized dinghy off Rhosneigr, nothing seen.				

XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridge
Boy suffering from heat stroke picked up by the dunes beside the airfield and taken 22 Sqn Ops building before being taken to RAF Valley Sick Quarters by ambulance.				
XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridge
3 rescues. Firstly, capsized catamaran 2nms SE of Criccieth, no assistance required. Secondly, capsized boat off Aberffraw, this had been righted and brought ashore by the time the helicopter arrived. Thirdly, search for a missing launch off Barmouth curtailed when informed by ATC that the launch had been recovered.				

Monday 3rd June 1963 [BJ][AIR 27/2911][MB]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' to Speke-Squires Gate
[F/O Ridge] extensive search for a missing canoe between Blackpool and Fleetwood, nothing seen.				
XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridge
Search for capsized dinghy, later informed survivor was safe ashore.				
XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
2 people marooned on Starvation Island, picked up by a small boat.				
Based noted: Anson C.21 VV964 Valley Station Flight to Speke with spares for Gnat T.1 XP506:06, see 1.6. The Anson also visited Church Fenton Air Display. Gnat T.1 XP507:07 & Vampire T.11 XE857:49 4 FTS Church Fenton Airshow. '07' & '49' also displayed at Hucknall. Gnat T.1 XP512:12 & Vampire T.11 XK637:56 4 FTS Exeter Airshow. Vampire T.11 XH306:46 4 FTS to 27 MU.				

Thursday 6th June 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
Boat off Penmaenmawr in difficulties with 8 occupants onboard, no assistance required.				

Friday 7th June 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Rigby
2 children CASEVAC to Bangor Hospital after nearly drowning.				

Sunday 9th June 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridge
Capsized yacht with 1 occupant, survivor airlifted to the beach, no medical attention required.				

Monday 10th June 1963 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP541:[-] 4 FTS [F/L Dale] delivery to 4 FTS 11.6, became '41'				

Wednesday 12th June 1963 [AIR 27/2968]

WL636	D	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	M/P Lloyd ILS calibration
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Thursday 13th June 1963 [AB dig63 visit by A W Evans][AIR 27/2911]

VM352	-	Anson C.19	RAE Llanbedr	
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XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	M/P Zmitrowicz
Fishing vessel aground in the Menai Straits between the two bridges, 2 men onboard refused assistance and the boat eventually sank with both rowing ashore in their dinghy.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 4 FTS XP504:04 XP510: XP511:11 XP512:12 XP516:16 XP532:32 XP533:[33] Vampire T.11 4 FTS XD534:[41] XK590:[45] XK625:[48] XK637:[56] Whirlwind HAR.10 C Flt/22 Sqn XP349 XP354				

Friday 14th June 1963 [AB][BJ][AIR 27/2968]

EI-AMV	-	P.44 Proctor 5A	Private	Speke-Dublin
WL636	D	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	M/P Neale ILS calibration

Monday 17th June 1963 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XE821:44 4 FTS to 27 MU.				

Tuesday 18th June 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Richardson
Search for dinghy adrift off Benllech, nothing seen.				

Wednesday 19th June 1963 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD589:[50] 4 FTS transferred to 8 FTS.				

Thursday 20th June 1963 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 XE924:64 assessed as CAT.3R but re-assessed as CAT.5[C] [XE924 was struck off charge 16.7.63]				

Friday 21st June 1963 [AIR 27/2888][MB]

		[Pembroke/Anson]	FTCCS	F/L Harries/Pemberton
A/Cdre & Mrs Coward from White Waltham, returning 22.6				
Based noted:				

Gnat T.1 XP538:[-] 4 FTS [F/L Sommers] delivery, became '38'
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Monday 24th June 1963 [BJ][AIR 27/2911]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	From Speke
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XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
CASEVAC from Llandrindod Wells to Smethwick, Birmingham. Casualty with severe head injuries.				

Wednesday 26th June 1963 [BJ][AIR 27/2968]

G-ANUW	-	DH.104 Dove 6	CAFU	Speke-Heathrow
WL636	D	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Howe ILS calibration

Thursday 27th June 1963 [BJ][AIR 27/3212][AIR 27/2911][MB]

WV749	-	Pembroke C.1	MCS	M/P Fitton.
Routed: Northolt-Lyneham-Valley-Waddington-Lyneham-Northolt.				
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XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridge
CASEVAC from Bangor Hospital to Valley for transfer to the above-mentioned Pembroke aircraft.				
Based noted: Anson C.19 VM369 Valley Station Flight visited Speke Airport. Gnat T.1 XP539:[-] 4 FTS [F/L Dawson] delivery, accepted 28.6 becoming '39'				

Saturday 29th June 1963 [BAG 1/64]

TX160	[-]	Anson C.19	[23 Gp CF]	
TX232	[-]	Anson C.19	[23 Gp CF]	[Dishforth?]
VM338	[-]	Anson C.19	[23 Gp CF]	[Dishforth?]

July 1963 [AIR 29/3506]

Last Vampire Course finished, aircraft were then flown away to other FTS's and MU's. Vampire T.11 XD519/7651M a ground instructional airframe was scrapped in July.				

Tuesday 2nd July 1963 [AIR 27/2888][MB]

	[-]	[Pembroke/Anson]	FTCCS	F/L Hedder/Parker
Air/Cdre Crooks, from and to White Waltham.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP542:[-] 4 FTS [F/L Ransome] delivery, to 4 FTS 3.7 becoming '42' Gnat T.1 XR535:[-] 4 FTS [F/L Hazell] delivery to 4 FTS 3.7 becoming '05'				

Thursday 4th July 1963 [AIR 27/2941][AIR 27/2968]

XD829	-	Valiant BK.1	49 Sqn	PD F/O P D Kevan
WL636	D	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/O Jones ILS calibration

Friday 5th July 1963 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP533:33 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 12.7 Gnat T.1 XR536:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Netherton] became '36' accepted by 4 FTS on 8.7 Gnat T.1 XR537:[-] 4 FTS [F/L Brett] delivery, to 4 FTS 8.7 becoming '37'				

Saturday 6th July 1963 [BJ]

G-ARTG	-	Hiller UH-12C	Private	From Speke, Rent-a-Copter
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Sunday 7th July 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
Mayday call from a boat off Dulas Bay, search carried out near Llanddulas, Colwyn Bay but later informed that a 6 survivors were safely ashore in the Dee Estuary.				

Tuesday 16th July 1963 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP503:03 4 FTS [F/L Fox] to Dunsfold for modifications.				

Thursday 18th July 1963 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2923]

XH175	-	Canberra PR.9	39 Sqn	F/L H J Bromley
Diversion whilst routing Luqa, Malta to either Wyton, Bassingbourn or Marham. Arrived at 11:45 & departed back to Luqa at 15:30. '39' on the wingtip fuel tanks.				
[XD425]	16	Vampire T.11	8 FTS	From Swinderby
[XE862]	56	Vampire T.11	8 FTS	From Swinderby



[Kevin Patience]

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XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
Climber carried from base of cliffs at Porth Felon, Bardsey Sound by crew and civilians then flown to Bangor Hospital.				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XE857:49 4 FTS F/L Purnell. Severe engine vibration at medium altitude, engine shutdown and forced landing at Valley				

carried out safely.

Saturday 20th July 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridge
Injured climber on a cliff 1nm S of Lake Ogwen, Doctor flown to as close as possible to the casualty who was then carried down to the helicopter and flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Sunday 21st July 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP348	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	M/P Zmitrowicz
Missing boy later found safe ashore.				

Monday 22nd July 1963 [BJ][DF]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	To Speke
WJ913		Varsity T.1	RRE	From & to Pershore

Tuesday 23rd July 1963 [AIR 27/2888][AIR 29/3506]

		[Pembroke/Anson]	FTCCS	F/O Patrick/F/L Tew
AM Sir A Walker from White Waltham to Bicester-Colerne-White Waltham.				

Thursday 25th July 1963 [BJ]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	From Speke
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Friday 26th July 1963 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2997]

XD861	-	Valiant BK.1	214 Sqn	PD F/L I W Strachan
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XP348	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
Report of a boat adrift in Trearddur Bay, on arrival the boat and occupants were safely ashore.				

Saturday 27th July 1963 [AB Bman63]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP509:09 4 FTS Culdrose Airshow.				

Monday 29th July 1963 [AIR 27/2997]

XD860	-	Valiant BK.1	214 Sqn	PD F/L K W Payne
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Tuesday 30th July 1963

Based noted: 9x Vampire 4 FTS 9-ship Vampire formation Flypast led by CFI W/C Bill Edwards. [Chief Flying Instructor] Marked the official departure of the Vampires from Valley.				

Wednesday 31st July 1963 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 29/3497][MB]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
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Diverted to search for a man reported adrift on a Lilo off Rhyl beach, turned out to be a false alarm.

Based noted:

Gnat T.1 XR538:[-] 4 FTS delivery [P/O Giles] becoming '01'.

Gnat T.1 XR539:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Dawson] becoming '08'

Vampire T.11 XD525 XE852 XE874 4 FTS all transferred to 1 FTS

[XE874 was subsequently allocated 8582M and became the Gate Guard at Valley from until 1990. It then went to Newblyth, Grampian in 1990 and then to a paintball site at Birkin, N Yorkshire by 2.2011]

1963 [KP]

Based noted:



Dated 1963, Gnat T.1 XP542:42 was delivered to 4 FTS on 3.7.63 with XP507:07 behind.



Gnat T.1 [XR948]:28



Gnat T.1 [XR535]:05 heads the line-up.
 This photo is after the move to the other side of the Airfield. [All Kevin Patience]
 Anson C.19 VV964 4 FTS/Valley Station Flight.



[Kevin Patience]

1963 [KP]

WA658	-	Meteor T.7	Ex. GWDS	Fire Dump
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Located near the Firing Range by the Railway line.



[Both: Kevin Patience]

Thursday 1st August 1963 [AIR 27/2911][MB]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	M/P Zmitrowicz
2 swimmers in difficulty off Talybont Beach, on arrival found a group of people giving CPR to a man on the beach. Doctor pronounced the man dead, and the body was flown to Dolgellau Hospital.				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 4 FTS WZ553:40 XD375:63 XD445:51 XE884:43 XK625:[12] XK637:56 All delivered to 19 MU.				

Friday 2nd August 1963 [AIR 27/2911][MB][IBCCA]

WF413	M	Varsity T.1	5 FTS	
Routed: Oakington-Valley-Aldergrove-Oakington.				
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XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Rigby
2 boys stranded on a beach airlifted to the top of the cliffs unhurt.				
Based noted: Vampire T.11 4 FTS WZ512 XD534:41 XE857:49 XK590:45 All to 27 MU.				

Monday 5th August 1963 [BAR Roundel 79/05][AIR 27/2911]

XP348		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
Missing swimmer, nothing seen.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP506:06 4 FTS Coventry Air Races. Vampire T.11 XD405:61 4 FTS Coventry Air Races.				

Tuesday 6th August 1963 [AIR 29/3655]

XA898	-	Vulcan B.1	230 OCU	PD F/L J Stanley
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Wednesday 7th August 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Rigby
3 men in the water from a capsized boat in the Menai Straits, recalled before arrival.				

Thursday 8th August 1963 [AIR 27/3212]

XF796	[-]	Pembroke C.1	MCS	F/L Dyke
Argentinean Chief D’Affaire, Don Miguel Padilla onboard. From and to Northolt.				

Friday 9th August 1963 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911][AIR 29/4216][AIR 29/3398]

XM296	-	Heron C.4*	Queens Flt	‘RRR1423’ W/C Ringer
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[Dick Thomas Collection]

*HRH Princess Margaret & Lord Snowdon staged through on a visit to Caernarfon.
Aircraft routed: Benson-London-Valley-Northolt-Valley.

XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
Informed by ATC of 3 boats in difficulties at Cymyran Bay, Porthdinllaen and Braich y Pyll. The first one, the boat was being paddled ashore, but nothing seen at the last two locations.				

XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	M/P Zmitrowicz
Report of a yacht in difficulties, sighted and towed to Holyhead harbour.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP540:[-] 4 FTS [Lt Sheridan] delivery, became '40'. Gnat T.1 XR542:[-] 4 FTS [F/L Gerry Ranscombe] delivery, became '15'				

Saturday 10th August 1963 [AIR 29/4216][AIR 29/3398]

XM296	-	Heron C.4*	Queens Flt	'RRR1423' W/C Ringer
*Routed: Valley-Northolt-Benson.				

Monday 12th August 1963 [MB]

Based noted: Vampire T.11 4 FTS XD405:61 XD535:54 - all to 27 MU, Shawbury.				

Tuesday 13th August 1963 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 29/4216][AIR 29/3398]

XR391	-	Heron C.4*	Queens Flt	'RRR1423' W/C Ringer
*HRH Princess Margaret & Lord Snowdon staged through returning to London. Routed: Benson-Valley-London Airport-Benson.				

Wednesday 14th August 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	M/P Zmitrowicz
Object floating in the sea, turned out to be a large wooden box, Coastguard informed.				

Thursday 15th August 1963 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2976][AIR 27/2968]

WL678	D	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	M/P Bishop
Routed: Tangmere-Valley-Burtonwood-Thorney Island-Tangmere.				
XL231	-	Victor B.2	139 Sqn	PD F/L C R B Tickell
VP958	[-]	Devon C.1	MCS	F/L Reid from & to Northolt
Inspector General of the RAF, AM Sir P Frazer visited his son who was on a ATC/CCF Summer Camp.				
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XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridge
Report of boys in the water alongside a boat. On arrival sighted boat partially swamped with 3 occupants heading towards shore, stood by until all safely reached shore.				

Saturday 17th August 1963 [BJ]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	To Speke-Tiree
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Sunday 18th August 1963 [Pprune MAINJAFAD][AIR 27/2938]

64 Sqn arrived from Binbrook for their MPC. 64 Sqn MPC 18.8-5.9, 5 Firestreak missiles fired.				
		Javelin FAW.9R	64 Sqn	MPC [S/L Jackson & F/L Vosloo]

		Javelin FAW.9R	64 Sqn	MPC [Capt Driver & Capt Murray]
		Javelin FAW.9R	64 Sqn	MPC [F/L Gribble & F/L Pearce]
		Javelin FAW.9R	64 Sqn	MPC [F/L Wark & F/O Jackson]

Monday 19th August 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP348	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	M/P Zmitrowicz
Phone call from a civilian that a small boat had capsized off Rhosneigr, boat had righted itself and occupants were safely ashore by the time the helicopter had arrived.				

Tuesday 20th August 1963 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911]

		Varsity T.1		
Visiting aircraft, smoke observed from port wheel after landing at 12:40Z				
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XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	M/P Zmitrowicz
Small boat in difficulties 1nm out to sea near Cemaes Bay. On arrival sighted a demasted catamaran being towed by a fishing vessel, no assistance required.				

Thursday 22nd August 1963 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 29/3655]

XL387	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L K R Hayward
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XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	M/P Zmitrowicz
Aircraft seen to crash into the sea at Criccieth, whilst enroute informed it was a pilotless aircraft from Llanbedr [Meteor U.16 WK911 was lost on this date] Later, informed by Coastguard that a small yacht appeared to be in trouble, no assistance required but ascertained that it was the correct vessel.				

Friday 23rd August 1963 [AIR 27/2911][SB]

		Vampire T.11	1 FTS	F/L Fraser & S/Lt Brent Owen
Weekend stop, departed 26.8				
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XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridge
Dinghy being blown out to sea with 2 occupants. 1 occupant airlifted and the other picked up by the Moelfre Lifeboat which towed the dinghy ashore. The Lifeboat Coxswain was the famous Dick Evans.				
They were: John Parry [15] from Moreton, Cheshire & Geoffrey Layfield [21] from Waterloo, Liverpool.				

Saturday 24th August 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Rigby
Capsized yacht near Cemaes Bay, on arrival the yacht and occupants were safely ashore.				
XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridge
Capsized yacht 1nm from Benllech Bay, boat righted and occupants safe on arrival.				

Monday 26th August 1963 [SB]

		Vampire T.11	1 FTS	To Linton-on-Ouse, see 23.8
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Tuesday 27th August 1963 [BJ][MB]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	From Speke
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP533:33 repairs complete, back to 4 FTS 28.8 – see 5.7.63				

Wednesday 28th August 1963 [BJ][AIR 27/2888]

		Chipmunk T.10		'DCV32' to Speke-Woodvale
		[Pembroke/Anson]	FTCCS	F/L Hudson/Stringer
A/Cdre Harvey from White Waltham to Ternhill.				

Tuesday 3rd September 1963 [AIR 29/3506]

		?	[23 Gp CF]	
AOC 23 Group, AVM P T Philpott visited, by air?				
		Vampire T.11	1 FTS	S/Lt Brent Owen
From & to Linton-on-Ouse.				

Wednesday 4th September 1963 [BJ]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	From Speke
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Thursday 5th September 1963 [AIR 27/2911][Pprune MAINJAFAD][AIR 27/2938][AIR 27/2997]

64 Sqn departed back to Binbrook post their MPC.				
		Javelin FAW.9R	64 Sqn	To Binbrook
		Javelin FAW.9R	64 Sqn	To Binbrook
		Javelin FAW.9R	64 Sqn	To Binbrook
		Javelin FAW.9R	64 Sqn	To Binbrook
XD816	-	Valiant BK.1	214 Sqn	PD F/L Cummins
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XP348	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridge
Precautionary landing for Gnat T.1 aircraft with hydraulic problems, no assistance required.				

Friday 6th September 1963 [AIR 29/3655]

XJ780	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD S/L J M McCann
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Saturday 7th September 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

Based noted: Whirlwind HAR.10 22 Sqn SAR demonstration given at Colwyn Bay in aid of the RAFA Battle of Britain celebrations.				

Monday 9th September 1963 [AIR 27/2990]

XD865	-	Valiant BK.1	207 Sqn	PD F/L R MacLachlan
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Wednesday 11th September 1963 [DW]

Based noted:



Gnat T.1 4 FTS

3-ship formation flown.

XP502:02 [F/L L Jones] XP504:04 [F/L R Hymans] XR539:08 [F/L A Pollock]

Gnat T.1 [?] [F/L A Doyle & W Lomax] photoship.

This was despite a strict order forbidding anyone to fly formation aerobatics in the Gnat.

[Ray Deacon]

Friday 13th September 1963 [DS]

Based noted:



Gnat T.1 XR539:08 seen here visiting Leconfield.
[via Damian Smyth]

Saturday 14th September 1963 [MAR][AIR 27/2911]

XP348		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
Capsized dinghy with 5 occupants, dinghy sighted with no survivors in sight, 2 lifejackets seen and confirmed that 2 survivors had been picked up by a passing boat, nothing else seen after extensive search.				

Based noted:

A number of 4 FTS aircraft attended the annual Battle of Britain Displays.

Anson C.19 VV964 Station Flight Middleton St George.

Gnat T.1 XP502:02 4 FTS Middleton St George, static.

Gnat T.1 XR539:08 4 FTS Middleton St George, flying.

Gnat T.1 XP541:41 4 FTS Finningley, static



[Gordon Macadie]

Gnat T.1 XR537:37 4 FTS Finningley, flying.

Gnat T.1 XP538:38 4 FTS Acklington, static.

Gnat T.1 XP509:09 4 FTS Aldergrove, static.

Gnat T.1 XR536:36 4 FTS Leuchars, static.

Mid-September 1963 [DS]

Based noted:				
				
Gnat T.1 XR537:37 seen here visiting Leconfield mid-September 1963. [via Damian Smyth]				

Sunday 15th September 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP348	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridge
Capsized boat with 2 occupants, safely ashore on arrival.				

Monday 16th September 1963 [AIR 29/3655][MB]

XH555	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L M J Biggs
Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD444 4 FTS transferred to 1 FTS.				

Tuesday 17th September 1963 [AIR 29/3655]

XH555	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD S/L J M McCann
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Wednesday 18th September 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP348	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridge
Search for small boat with one occupant, found safe on beach.				

Thursday 19th September 1963 [AIR 29/3506]

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AOC Training Command Italian AF, Gen D A M Bacich & Italian Air Attache Col T Chiantia visited with AOC 23 Group AVM P T Philpott, by air?				
Based noted:				



Whirlwind HAR.10 XP333:W-G CFS[H] static display on VASF.
The newly finished ATC Tower can be seen on the extreme right.
[Dick Thomas collection]

Saturday 21st September 1963 [AIR 27/2895]

		Argosy C.1		11 Sqn support, see 23.9
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Monday 23rd September 1963 [Pprune MAINJAFAD][Norman Glass logbook*][AIR 27/2895]

11 Sqn arrived from Geilenkirchen for their MPC.				
11 Sqn MPC 23.9-11.10, 4 Firestreak missiles fired, 11 Sqn's first MPC.				
XH767 is in the MPC Course photo.				
[during 1963 11 Sqn were operating: XH767:A XH760:B XH884:C XH898:D XH768:E XH771:F XH772:G XH880:J XH770:K XH882:L XH881:M XH769:N XH776:P XH909:R XH883:T XH716:W XH753:Z]				
XH767	A	Javelin FAW.9*	11 Sqn	MPC [W/C Mclver & S/L Hayes]
XH881	M	Javelin FAW.9*	11 Sqn	MPC [F/L McRobb & F/O Rogers]
[XH776]	P	Javelin FAW.9*	11 Sqn	MPC [F/L Akister & F/L Evans]
		Javelin FAW.9	11 Sqn	MPC [F/S Kelly & Sgt Evans]
		Argosy C.1		11 Sqn support
		Argosy C.1		11 Sqn support

Wednesday 25th September 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP348	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Mawer
Capsized catamaran with 3 occupants, on arrival all had been rescued by Police launch.				

Friday 27th September 1963 [MB]

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Based noted:

Gnat T.1 XR541:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Ranscome] to 4 FTS 30.9 becoming '34'



XR541:34 at an undated & anonymous location.

[Dick Thomas Collection]

Gnat T.1 XR544:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Fox] to 4 FTS 30.9 becoming '35'

Saturday 28th September 1963 [DW][AIR 27/2911]

Western Area ROC [Royal Observer Corps] Open Day.				
		JP T.4	1 FTS	Display F/L D Robinson
		JP T.4	1 FTS	Display F/L R Holliday
		JP T.4	1 FTS	Display F/L H Rigg
[XP616:37 XR665:38 XP626:39 XP627:40 XP633:41 XP637:42 XR672:43 XR674:44 XR666:45 were all used during the Display season]				
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		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	SAR demonstration

Wednesday 2nd October 1963 [MB]

Based noted:				
Gnat T.1 XR567:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Prince] to 4 FTS 3.10 becoming '17'				
Undated, XR567 is seen here at Llanbedr with Meteor U.16 WH381:G.				
[Tudor Rowlands Collection]				

Wednesday 9th October 1963 [AIR 27/2888][AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2968][MB]

WJ946	M	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Cullingham
Routed: Aldergrove-Valley-Tangmere, ILS calibration.				
	[-]	[Pembroke/Anson]	FTCCS	F/L Dennis/F/L Tew

AM Sir A Walker, from and to White Waltham.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR545:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Prince] becoming '18' Gnat T.1 XP509:09 4 FTS [F/L Prince] delivered to Follands, Dunsfold for modifications.				

Friday 11th October 1963 [DF][Prune MAINJAFAD][Norman Glass logbook*][AIR 27/2895]

11 Sqn departed back to Geilenkirchen post their MPC.				
XH767	A	Javelin FAW.9*	11 Sqn	To Geilenkirchen
XH881	M	Javelin FAW.9*	11 Sqn	To Geilenkirchen
[XH776]	P	Javelin FAW.9*	11 Sqn	To Geilenkirchen
		Javelin FAW.9	11 Sqn	To Geilenkirchen
WK128	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	From & to Pershore, training.
		Argosy C.1		
Arrived with 5 Sqn support and departed on 12.10 with 11 Sqn support.				

Saturday 12th October 1963 [AIR 27/2895]

		Argosy C.1		To Geilenkirchen, see 11.10
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Sunday 13th October 1963 [Pprune MAINJAFAD][AIR 27/2898]

5 Sqn arrived from Geilenkirchen for their MPC. 5 Sqn MPC 13-28.10, 5 Firestreak missiles fired.				
XH773	D	Javelin FAW.9	5 Sqn	MPC
XH757	F	Javelin FAW.9	5 Sqn	MPC
XH911	J	Javelin FAW.9	5 Sqn	MPC
		Javelin FAW.9	5 Sqn	MPC
Flying Crews inbound to the MPC were: F/L F W J Packer & S/L J B Curtiss F/L A H Q St Pierre & Sgt J C Ruthven F/L A J MacKinnon & F/L E B Wilton F/L B W Brennan & F/O G A Bradley				

Monday 14th October 1963 [BJ]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	To Speke
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Wednesday 16th October 1963 [Pprune MAINJAFAD][AIR 27/2888]

Press/Media visit to see the Gnats. 41 Sqn arrived from Wattisham for their low-level MPC trials. 41 Sqn MPC 16-18.10.63, 2x Firestreak missiles fired.				
		?x Javelin FAW.8	41 Sqn	MPC
	[-]	[Pembroke/Anson]	FTCCS	F/L Dennis & F/L Tew
AM Sir A Walker, from and to White Waltham.				
		Argosy C.1		Brought in VIP/Press
Based noted: Gnat T.1 4 FTS				

XP507:07 XR539:08 XP510:10 XP511:11 XP512:12 XP514:14 XR542:15
XP516:16 XP532:32 XR541:34 XR536:36 XR537:37 XP539:39 XP540:40 XP542:42



With the Argosy C.1 in the background.

[Alan W Hall]

4 FTS Gnat Flight Line including [XR572]:19.



[Kevin Patience]



XP502:02

Although undated, most probably taken at the media day.
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Thursday 17th October 1963 [BJ][AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2988]

On this night members of 82 Course at Valley stole the dummy display Thunderbird Missile from the Army Camp at Ty Croes. Whilst transporting it to Valley they were stopped by the local Policeman who thought 04:00 was an odd time to be transporting this around. The Missile was cemented in place outside the Officers Mess overlooking the Lake at Valley, but the cement had not set by the time the Army arrived and returned it back to Ty Croes!

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	From Speke
WR978	A	Shackelton MR.3	206 Sqn	S/L Cox from & to St Mawgan

Friday 18th October 1963 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911]

XR536	36	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	
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Forced landing at RAF Sealand after a fire warning light came on, engine was shut down and force landing at Sealand carried out. However, on landing the aircraft hit some obstructions. The warning was spurious apparently, forced landing at Sealand due to the pilot mistaking it for nearby Hawarden. Whirlwind HAR.10 XP348 22 Sqn [F/L Mawer] was scrambled for this but later recalled.



[Dick Thomas Collection]

Pilot	P/O	I Christie-Miller	Seriously injured.
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Sunday 20th October 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP348	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
Dinghy in difficulties at Cemaes Bay, on arrival boat found in the lee of a headland with the occupant being assisted ashore by the Coastguard, no help required.				

Tuesday 22nd October 1963 [AIR 27/2990]

WP221	-	Valiant B[PR].1	207 Sqn	PD F/L M W Carpenter
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Wednesday 23rd October 1963 [AIR 27/2941]

XD829	-	Valiant BK.1	49 Sqn	PD F/L D W Lee
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Friday 25th October 1963 [AIR 27/2924][AIR 27/2968]

WL785	A	Shackleton MR.2	42 Sqn	To & from St Mawgan F/O W P Hay
WJ946	M	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Pocock ILS calibration

Monday 28th October 1963 [Pprune MAINJAFAD][AIR 27/2898][AIR 29/3591]

5 Sqn departed back to Geilenkirchen post their MPC.				
2 aircraft returned via Middleton St George to replace the used missiles from the MPC.				
XH773	D	Javelin FAW.9	5 Sqn	Departed
XH757	F	Javelin FAW.9	5 Sqn	Departed
XH911	J	Javelin FAW.9	5 Sqn	Departed
		Javelin FAW.9	5 Sqn	Departed
		?x Gnat T.1	CFS	

CFS Gnat Flight detached from Little Rissington for night flying until 1.11

Wednesday 30th October 1963 [BJ][MB]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	To Speke-Heathrow
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP512:12 4 FTS assessed CAT.3R repaired on site by 60 MU from 5.11.63				

Thursday 31st October 1963 [AIR 27/2968]

WL622	R	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	M/P Tune from & to Watton
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November 1963 [Pprune MAINJAFAD]

No MPC's. Extension of Runway 14/32 completed.				
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November/December 1963 [SB]

		Sea Prince		S/Lt Brent Owen
Diverted in single engine, no specific dates.				

Friday 1st November 1963 [Pprune Bill Macgillivray logbook*][AIR 29/3591][AIR 27/2937][MB]

WT518	-	Canberra PR.7*	58 Sqn	PD from Wyton, WT512 in Sqn ORB
		?x Gnat T.1	CFS	To Little Rissington, see 28.10
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP508:[-] 4 FTS [F/L Dale] delivery, became '21' Gnat T.1 XR572:[-] 4 FTS [F/L Prince] delivery, became '19' Gnat T.1 XR573:[-] 4 FTS delivery [Capt Green] became '20'				

Wednesday 6th November 1963 [BJ][AIR 27/2968][MB]

WL688	G	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	S/L Stillwell ACR 7 calibration
From Watton n/stop.				
G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	To Speke
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR568:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Netherton] to 4 FTS 7.11 becoming '36' Gnat T.1 XR570:[-] 4 FTS delivery [Capt Green] became '22'				

Thursday 7th November 1963 [AIR 29/2937][AIR 27/2968]

WH796	-	Canberra PR.7	58 Sqn	PD F/O C R Adams
WL688	G	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	S/L Stillwell to Ballykelly

Friday 8th November 1963 [MB]

WF375	G	Varsity T.1	5 FTS	
Routed: Oakington-Woodvale-Valley-Oakington.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR571 delivery [F/L Edwards] to 4 FTS 11.11 becoming '23'				

Friday 15th November 1963 [AIR 27/2941][AIR 27/2968][MB]

XD829	-	Valiant BK.1	49 Sqn	PD S/L A I Alder
WL692	P	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Rayner ILS calibration
Based noted : Gnat T.1 XR538:01 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 27.11				

Monday 18th November 1963 [BJ]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	From Speke
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Tuesday 19th November 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XP348	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	M/P Zmitrowicz
Police report of 5 red very lights out to sea, 2 sorties carried out by the same aircraft [F/L Black] nothing seen.				

Wednesday 20th November 1963 [AIR 27/3122][MB]

WZ391	-	Valiant B[PR]K.1	543 Sqn	PD F/L A V Potter
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP502:02 4 FTS [F/L Batchelor] to Dunsfold for modifications.				

Friday 22nd November 1963 [BJ][AIR 29/4216][AIR 27/3398]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	To Speke
XH375	-	Heron CC.3	Queens Flt	'RRR1594' S/L Divers & Prince Philip
Routed: Benson-Valley-Luton-Benson.				
XN126	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	Queens Flt	'RRR1593' F/L Kerr & Prince Philip.
Routed: Benson-St Athan-Aberystwyth-Bangor-Valley-Benson.				

Monday 25th November 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

XD164	W-N	Whirlwind HAR.10	CFS	Ternhill detachment
Engine failure at 600ft, ditched but rolled over in 8ft of salt water in Holyhead Harbour and declared a write-off. Salvaged by 60 MU and allocated to 1 SoTT, Cosford as 7853M. Whirlwind HAR.10 XP348 22 Sqn [F/L McRea] located and airlifted the 4 survivors, all unhurt.				
Pilot			Ok	
			Ok	
			Ok	
			Ok	

Tuesday 26th November 1963 [BJ][MB]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	From Speke
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR574:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/O McSweeney] to 4 FTS 27.11 becoming '24' Gnat T.1 XR949:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Edwards] to 4 FTS 27.11 becoming '25'				

Thursday 28th November 1963 [BJ][AIR 27/3122]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	To Speke
G-ASER	-	PA-23 Aztec 250B	Private	From Speke Duncan Lodge Ltd
WZ382	-	Valiant B[PR]K.1	543 Sqn	PD F/L J G Adams

Friday 29th November 1963 [AIR 27/2924]

WL785	A	Shackleton MR.2	42 Sqn	S/L P J Sunnucks
Routed: Ballykelly-Valley-St Mawgan.				

Monday 2nd December 1963 [AIR 4/223]

XP630	50	JP T.4	2 FTS	F/L D Bagshaw
NAVEX from & to Syerston.				

Tuesday 3rd December 1963 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR951:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Cope-Lewis] to 4 FTS 4.12 becoming '26'				

Wednesday 4th December 1963 [AIR 4/223]

XR707	45	JP T.4	2 FTS	F/L G Buchan from Syerston
XP677	35	JP T.4	2 FTS	F/L G Buchan to Syerston

Thursday 5th December 1963 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR950:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Cope-Lewis] to 4 FTS 6.12 becoming '27'				

Friday 6th December 1963 [AIR 27/2888]

		?	FTCCS	F/L Dennis
AM Sir A Walker & AVM Philpott, from and to White Waltham.				
VP955	[-]	Devon C.1	MCS	F/L Ainsworth, Northolt-Shawbury

Tuesday 10th December 1963 [AIR 27/2941]

XD827	-	Valiant BK.1	49 Sqn	PD F/O P D Kevan
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XP542	[42]	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	
Landed with nosewheel retracted.				
Pilot	[W/C]	[OC Ops ?]		Ok

Wednesday 11th December 1963 [AIR 27/3121][AIR 27/2921]

XL658	658	Britannia C.1	511 Sqn	'RRR6401' F/L D P Dewhurst
Weather diversion whilst enroute El Adem-Lyneham.				
WJ343	[343]	Hastings C.2	36 Sqn	Diversion F/O D G Williams
Weather diversion whilst enroute Luqa-Colerne.				

Thursday 12th December 1963 [AIR 27/3121]

XL658	658	Britannia C.1	511 Sqn	'RRR6401' to Lyneham, see 11.12
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Friday 13th December 1963 [AIR 27/2921]

WJ343	[343]	Hastings C.2	36 Sqn	To Colerne, see 11.12
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Monday 16th December 1963 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 29/3653]

2 Sqn/226 OCU arrived from Middleton St George for their MPC. 226 OCU MPC 16-20.12, 3 missiles fired. It would appear the Groundcrew arrived by road.				
XM970	[970]	Lightning T.4	226 OCU	MPC
XM972	[972]	Lightning T.4	226 OCU	MPC
XM987	[987]	Lightning T.4	226 OCU	MPC
XM997	[997]	Lightning T.4	226 OCU	MPC
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XP348	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Search for crashed aircraft near Colwyn Bay, nothing seen.				

Tuesday 17th December 1963 [AIR 29/2937]

WJ825	-	Canberra PR.7	58 Sqn	PD F/L B W Seaman
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Thursday 19th December 1963 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR948:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Kelso] to 4 FTS 20.12 becoming '28' Gnat T.1 XR953:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Pollock] to 4 FTS 20.12 becoming '29'				

Friday 20th December 1963 [AIR 29/3653]

2 Sqn/226 OCU departed back to Middleton St George post their MPC.				
XM970	[970]	Lightning T.4	226 OCU	To Middleton St George
XM972	[972]	Lightning T.4	226 OCU	To Middleton St George
XM987	[987]	Lightning T.4	226 OCU	To Middleton St George
XM997	[997]	Lightning T.4	226 OCU	To Middleton St George

Saturday 21st December 1963 [AIR 27/2911]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
'Santa Claus' delivered to Llanbedr for a Children's Christmas Party.				

Friday 27th December 1963 [Air 27/2959][AIR 27/3121][AIR 27/3000]

XM497	497	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	'RRR6993' F/L Bayliss
XL635	635	Britannia C.1	511 Sqn	'RRR6992' F/L N M J Fraser
XM498	498	Britannia C.1	511 Sqn	'RRR6994' F/L A R King
All 3 Brittanias were weather diversions enroute Akrotiri-Lyneham.				

XK696		Comet C.2	216 Sqn	Diversion 'RRR2092' F/L R Locke
Diverted whilst enroute Luqa-Lyneham, departed later same day to Lyneham.				

Saturday 28th December 1963 [Air 27/2959]

XM497	497	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	To Lyneham, see 27.12
XL635	635	Britannia C.1	511 Sqn	To Lyneham, see 27.12
XM498	498	Britannia C.1	511 Sqn	To Lyneham, see 27.12
XL658	658	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	Diversion, 'RRR6997' F/L W Coburn
Diverted whilst enroute Akrotiri-Lyneham.				

Sunday 29th December 1963 [Air 27/2959]

XL658	658	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	To Lyneham, see 28.12
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