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RAF Valley

Aircraft Movements

1964

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

SUMMARY

The Formation Aerobatic Team the 'Yellowjacks' were formed at Valley.



An undated photograph of the Yellowjacks over the Britannia Bridge in 1964.
[Dick Thomas Collection]

Abbreviations	
ANS	Air Navigation School
[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
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
MRT	Mountain Rescue Team
NAS	Naval Air Squadron
OCU	Operational Conversion Unit
PD	Practice Diversion
RAFC	Royal Air Force College
RAFFC	Royal Air Force Flying College
RNAS	Royal Naval Air Station
RRE	Radar Research Establishment
Sqn	Squadron
TRW	Tactical Reconnaissance Wing [USAF]
UAS	University Air Squadron

Friday 3rd January 1964 [BJ][AIR 27/2977]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	From Speke
XD819	-	Valiant BK.1	148 Sqn	PD F/L R Fox

Saturday 4th January 1964 [Air 27/2959][AIR 27/3121]

XL637	637	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	'RRR6619' F/L P M Hill
Diverted whilst en-route Akrotiri-Lyneham.				
XL639	639	Britannia C.1	511 Sqn	'RRR6620' S/L N Chamberlain
Diversion whilst en-route Nicosia-Lyneham.				

Sunday 5th January 1964 [Air 27/2959][AIR 27/3121]

XL637	637	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	To Lyneham, see 4.1
XL639	639	Britannia C.1	511 Sqn	To Lyneham, see 4.1

Monday 6th January 1964 [Air 27/2928]

XB285	[K]	Beverley C.1	47 Sqn	'3271' F/L D G M Wright
Arrived 04:50 from Luqa and departed at 14:00 to Abingdon.				

Wednesday 8th January 1964 [Air 27/2959]

WH670	[E]	Canberra B.2	98 Sqn	From Watton, F/L A Taylor
Northern calibration runs.				

Thursday 9th January 1964 [Air 27/2959][AIR 27/2968]

WH670	[E]	Canberra B.2	98 Sqn	To Watton, see 8.1
WL688	G	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Bott TACAN calibration n/stop

Friday 10th January 1964 [AIR 27/2968][MB]

WL688	G	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	TACAN calibration then to Watton
WJ945	H	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Mlejnecky from & to Watton
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP542:42 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3[prov] then CAT.2 on 11.1				

Monday 13th January 1964 [Pprune MAINJAFAD][AIR 27/2958]

92 Sqn arrived from Leconfield for their MPC. First ever Lightning MPC. 92 Sqn MPC 13-23.1, 5 Firestreak missiles fired. 3 of the firings were made from the T.4				
		Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC
[XM995]	[T]	Lightning T.4	92 Sqn	MPC

Wednesday 15th January 1964 [BJ][AIR 27/2959][AIR 27/2968]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	To Speke
XM497	497	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	Diversion, 'RRR6127' F/L W Coburn
Diverted whilst en-route El Adem-Lyneham. Departed later to Lyneham.				
XL635	635	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	Diversion, 'RRR6406' F/L MacLeod
Diverted whilst en-route Luqa-Lyneham. Departed later to Lyneham.				
WL688	G	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Grant TACAN calibration N/stop

Thursday 16th January 1964 [AIR 27/2968]

WL688	G	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	To Watton
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR952:[-] 4 FTS delivery , became '31' Gnat T.1 XR954:[-] 4 FTS delivery, became '30'				

Friday 17th January 1964 [BJ]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	From Speke
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Saturday 18th January 1964 [AIR 29/3655]

XH560	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L M C Hempstead
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Monday 20th January 1964 [AIR 27/2888]

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AOC 23 Group, AVM P T Philpott visited, by air?				

Tuesday 21st January 1964 [AIR 27/2968]

WJ947	K	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Pollock from Watton
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Wednesday 22nd January 1964 [BJ][AIR 27/2959][AIR 27/2968][MB]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	To Speke
XL657	657	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	Diversion, 'RRR6226' F/L Robinson
Diverted whilst en-route El Adem-Lyneham. Departed later to Lyneham.				
WJ947	K	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	To Watton
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR537:37 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 23.1				

Friday 24th January 1964 [AIR 27/3032][AIR 29/3655][MB]

		Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	
		Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	
From St Athan to fly students from UCNW, Bangor. Flew sorties on 25/26.1				
XH558	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L M C Hempstead
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP503:03 4 FTS [F/L Byrne] from Dunsfold post modifications, see 16.7.63 [back with 4 FTS 27.1] Gnat T.1 XR955:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Ranscombe] to 4 FTS 27.1 becoming '43'				
				
Although undated this is XR955:43 at Coningsby with Tattershall Castle in the background. [Dick Thomas Collection]				

Monday 27th January 1964 [BJ]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	From Speke
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Tuesday 28th January 1964 [BJ][@MAR 09/21]

G-ASMY	-	PA-23 Apache 160	Private	To Speke, Polyfoto Air Taxi
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR544:35 4 FTS visited Leuchars.				

Wednesday 29th January 1964 [AIR 29/3655]

XH561	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L K R Jones
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Thursday 30th January 1964 [BJ]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	To Speke
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February 1964 [AIR 29/3506]

Resurfacing of Runway 02/20 continues, started in December 1963.				

Sunday 2nd February 1964 [Roundel 92-01][AIR 29/3628][AIR 27/2940]

XP355	W-A	Whirlwind HAR.10	CFS	
Force landed at Mona whilst on detachment at Valley. Airlifted back to Valley by Belvedere HC.1 XG467:C 72 Sqn.				



Paper cutting. [Dick Thomas Collection]

XG467	C	Belvedere HC.1	72 Sqn	F/L D A Youngs, see above
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Thursday 6th February 1964 [BJ]

	[-]	Anson C.19	White Waltham	'LAO27' from Speke
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Friday 7th February 1964 [AIR 27/2913][MB]

TG621		Hastings C.1	24 Sqn	F/L N C Wilson
From Coltishall to Colerne, 74 Sqn MPC support, see 10.2.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP504:04 4 FTS [F/L Kelso] to Dunsfold for modifications. Gnat T.1 XR976: [-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Kelso] became '44' Gnat T.1 XR979: [-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Hay] became '45' with 4 FTS on 10.2				

Monday 10th February 1964 [AIR 27/2952][AIR 27/2968][MB]

74 Sqn arrived from Coltishall for their MPC. 74 Sqn MPC 10-28.2, 5 Firestreak missiles fired.				
		Lightning	74 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning	74 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning	74 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning	74 Sqn	MPC
WL636	D	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Rayner ILS calibration n/stop
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR977: [-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Clee] to 4 FTS 11.2 becoming '46'				

Tuesday 11th February 1964 [AIR 27/2968]

WL636	D	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	To Aldergrove
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Wednesday 12th February 1964 [AIR 29/3655]

XA905	-	Vulcan B.1	230 OCU	PD F/L M R M Bishop
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Thursday 13th February 1964 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 29/3655]

XA905	-	Vulcan B.1	230 OCU	PD F/L M R M Bishop
XJ781	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD W/C J Gale
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XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
CASEVAC of SAC Balls with multiple leg fractures from Valley to RAF Cosford.				

Friday 14th February 1964 [AIR 27/2977]

WZ395	-	Valiant B[PR]K.1	148 Sqn	PD F/L R Fox
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Saturday 15th February 1964 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP512:12 4 FTS repairs complete and issued back to 4 FTS on 18.2				

Monday 17th February 1964 [AIR 27/2968]

WF383	E	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	M/P Lloyd from Watton
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Tuesday 18th February 1964 [AIR 27/2968]

WF383	E	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	ILS calibration then to Ballykelly
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Wednesday 19th February 1964 [AIR 27/2888]

	[-]	[Pembroke/Anson]	FTCCS	S/L Nowakowski
Air Cdre P C Cleaver, from and to White Waltham.				

Thursday 20th February 1964 [Pprune Sycamore logbook*][AIR 27/2888]

XP628	47	JP T.4*	2 FTS	From & to Syerston NAVEX
	[-]	[Pembroke/Anson]	FTCCS	F/L Dennis
AM Sir A Walker, from and to White Waltham.				

Friday 21st February 1964 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR978: [-] 4 FTS delivery [P/O McFadyen] became '47' accepted by 4 FTS 24.2				

Sunday 23rd February 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XP353		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
Search for missing Army Cadets, abandoned due to hill fog.				

Tuesday 25th February 1964 [AIR 29/3655]

XJ782	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L D A Taylor
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Wednesday 26th February 1964 [Air 27/2959][AIR 27/2968][MB]

WH670	[E]	Canberra B.2	98 Sqn	F/L G L Frost from & to Watton
Daily Southern calibration run.				
WL622	R	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Bott from Watton n/stop
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR544:35 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 27.2				

Thursday 27th February 1964 [AIR 27/2968]

WL622	R	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	PAR calibration then to Watton
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Friday 28th February 1964 [Pprune RetiredBA/BY logbook*][AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2952][AIR 27/2941][MB]

74 Sqn departed to their new base at Leuchars post their MPC.				
		Lightning	74 Sqn	To Leuchars
		Lightning	74 Sqn	To Leuchars
		Lightning	74 Sqn	To Leuchars

		Lightning	74 Sqn	To Leuchars
XE998	36	Vampire T.11*	8 FTS	From & to Swinderby
WZ367	-	Valiant B.1	49 Sqn	PD F/L G S Webb
VP955	[-]	Devon C.[1]	MCS	F/L Wakeford
Under-Secretary of State for Air, Mr J Risdale MP visited, suffered an engine failure but landed safely. Whirlwind HAR.10 XP353 22 Sqn [F/S Mitchell] was scrambled to escort the Devon to Valley.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP500 4 FTS delivery [F/L Jones] - became '50' Gnat T.1 XR980:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Ranscombe] became '48' Gnat T.1 XR981:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Hogarth] became '49'				

Monday 2nd March 1964 [AIR 29/3628][AIR 29/3655]

220 Gnat Course/CFS detachment from Little Rissington 2-6.3.64				
XP530	[97]	Gnat T.1	CFS	
XP534	[93]	Gnat T.1	CFS	
XP535	[102]	Gnat T.1	CFS	
XA898	-	Vulcan B.1	230 OCU	PD F/L M R M Bishop

Wednesday 4th March 1964 [BJ][MB]

G-APYX	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	To Speke
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP540:40 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repairs completed by 7.5 and back to 4 FTS 8.5				

Friday 6th March 1964 [AIR 27/2967][AIR 29/3628][AIR 27/2903][AIR 27/2913]

[WD]494		Hastings C.[2]	24 Sqn	F/L A J Hillard
Routed: Colerne-Wattisham-Valley-Colerne, 111 Sqn MPC support, see 8.3				
XP534	[93]	Gnat T.1	CFS	To Little Rissington, see 2.3
XP535	[102]	Gnat T.1	CFS	To Little Rissington, see 2.3
XM610	-	Vulcan B.2	12 Sqn	PD F/L M F S Melville

Saturday 7th March 1964 [AIR 27/3032]

		Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	
		Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	
From St Athan to fly students from UCNW, Bangor. Flew sorties on 7/8.3 [University College of North Wales]				

Sunday 8th March 1964 [AVM G P Black photo][AIR 27/2967]

111 Sqn arrived from Wattisham for their MPC. 111 Sqn MPC 8-25.3, 5 Firestreak missiles fired. Sqn ORB mentions additional aircraft visited, mainly another Lightning and their Hunter T.7 on numerous occasions. Strong crosswinds delayed the first firing until 20.3. The names in brackets fired missiles.				
XM184	A	Lightning F.1A	111 Sqn	MPC [S/L Black]

		Lightning F.1A	111 Sqn	MPC [F/L Carlton]
		Lightning F.1A	111 Sqn	MPC [F/L Maish]
		Lightning F.1A	111 Sqn	MPC [F/L Chisholm]
		Lightning T.4	111 Sqn	MPC [F/L Ginger]
		Lightning T.4	111 Sqn	MPC



XM184:A [S/L George Black's aircraft] undergoing servicing on the STCAAME flightline.
The old CFS hangar can be seen left background.

[Ian Black Collection]

Thursday 10th March 1964 [AIR 29/3628][AIR 27/2926][AIR 27/2977]

XP530	[97]	Gnat T.1	CFS	To Little Rissington, see 2.3
XH532	-	Vulcan B.1A	44 Sqn	PD F/L J D Hopkins
XD824	-	Valiant BK.1	148 Sqn	PD G/C I Campbell

Friday 11th March 1964 [MB]

Based noted:				
Gnat T.1 XR537:37 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 22.1.64				
Gnat T.1 XR982:-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Ramsay] to 4 FTS 12.3 becoming '51'				

Saturday 12th March 1964 [AIR 27/3212][AIR 27/2903]

WV749	-	Pembroke C.1	MCS	F/L Windsor from & to Northolt
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WV704	-	Pembroke C.1	MCS	M/P Hollins. From Boscombe Down
XM597	-	Vulcan B.2	12 Sqn	PD F/L M F S Melville

Monday 14th March 1964 [AIR 27/2911][MB]

XJ426		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
Dinghy in difficulties off Great Orme, found safely beached, Lifeboat guided to the dinghy.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR567:17 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 1.4 [the F78 mentions this as 14.5 but the repairs were complete by 21.4]				

Thursday 17th March 1964 [BAG 64-04]

VV964	-	Anson C.21	Stn Flt	To & from Farnborough
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Friday 18th March 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XJ426		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Ship aground in Porth Whitlin Bay, scrambled to assist but the Lifeboat was already in attendance, returned to Valley.				

Sunday 20th March 1964 [AIR 27/2967]

111 Sqn MPC 1x Firestreak fired.				

Wednesday 23rd March 1964 [AIR 27/3122][AIR 27/2937]

WP223	-	Valiant B[PR].1	543 Sqn	PD F/L A F Banfield
WH794	-	Canberra PR.7	58 Sqn	PD F/L A J Fairweather

Friday 25th March 1964 [AIR 27/2967][AIR 27/3122][AIR 27/2928][MB]

111 Sqn departed back to Wattisham post their MPC.				
XM184	A	Lightning F.1A	111 Sqn	To Wattisham
		Lightning F.1A	111 Sqn	To Wattisham
		Lightning F.1A	111 Sqn	To Wattisham
		Lightning F.1A	111 Sqn	To Wattisham
		Lightning T.4	111 Sqn	To Wattisham
		Lightning T.4	111 Sqn	To Wattisham
XB263	[A]	Beverley C.1	47 Sqn	F/L A E Rossiter
Routed: Abingdon-Valley-Wattisham-Abingdon, return of 111 Sqn MPC support.				
WZ394	-	Valiant B[PR]K.1	543 Sqn	PD F/L A V Potter
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP532:32 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site ? Gnat T.1 XP538:38 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 2.4 Gnat T.1 XR984:-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Whitley] to 4 FTS 31.3 becoming '52'				

Saturday 26th March 1964 [AIR 27/2903][AIR 27/2937][MB]

XM612	-	Vulcan B.2	12 Sqn	PD F/L M F S Melville
WJ821	-	Canberra PR.7	58 Sqn	PD F/L B W Seaman
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR544:35 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 26.2.64				

Thursday 31st March 1964 [AIR 27/2941]

XD827	-	Valiant BK.1	49 Sqn	PD F/L Conchie
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April/May 1964 [AIR 27/2909]

		Lightning F.2	19 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning T.4	19 Sqn	MPC, C-in-C witnessed a firing
MPC until 14.5.64 from Leconfield.				

Thursday 2nd April 1964 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR983:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Cope-Lewis] to 4 FTS 30.4 becoming '53' Gnat T.1 XR985:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Millward] to 4 FTS 3.4 becoming '54'				

Friday 3rd April 1964 [AIR 27/2960][MB]

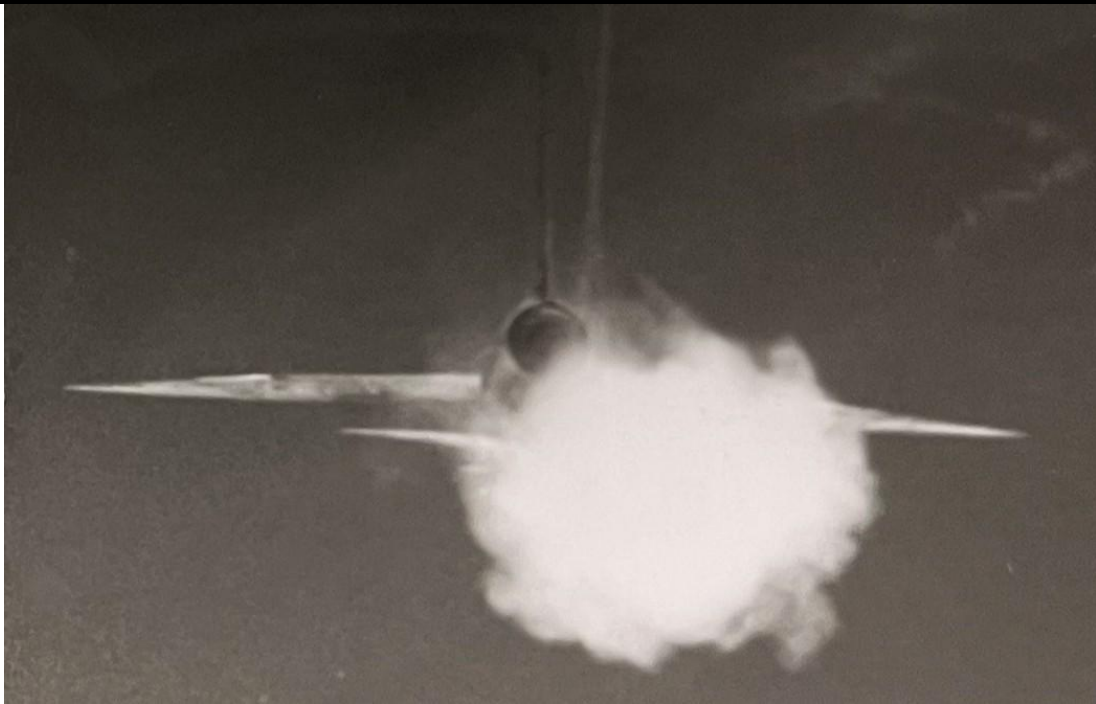
XM715	-	Victor B.2	100 Sqn	PD F/L J R Woolfall
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP516:16 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R repaired by Contractors Working Party from 9.4				

Sunday 5th April 1964 [AIR 27/2913]

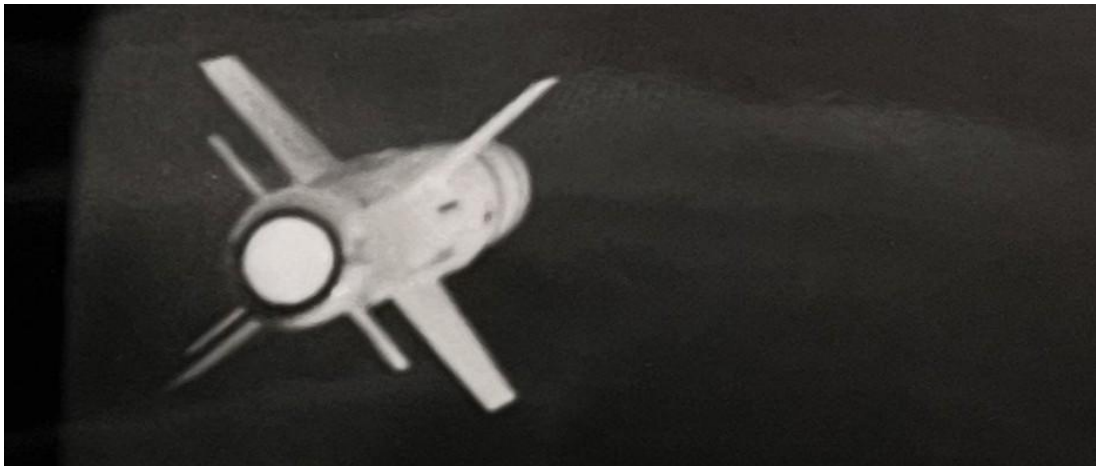
[WJ]340		Hastings C.[2]	24 Sqn	F/L N C Wilson
Routed: Colerne-Wattisham-Valley-Colerne.				

Monday 6th April 1964 [AIR 27/2935]

56 Sqn arrived from Wattisham with 5 aircraft for their Firestreak MPC. [originally planned for Nov '63 but delayed due to completion of the long runway at Valley] 56 Sqn MPC 6-16.4.64 [originally planned until 24 th] 2 days wasted due to weather & Jindivik availability.				
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[Both: National Archives]

5 Firestreak fired including one supersonic one.

A sixth aircraft arrived later in the MPC.

		Lightning F.1A	56 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.1A	56 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.1A	56 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.1A	56 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.1A	56 Sqn	MPC

Tuesday 7th April 1964 [Air 27/2959][AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2977][AIR 27/3122]

XD822	-	Valiant BK.1	148 Sqn	PD F/L M Killick
WZ389	-	Valiant B[PR]K.1	543 Sqn	PD S/L B Stansfield
WK145	[-]	Canberra B.2	98 Sqn	Calibration F/O E J F Lusted N/stop
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XJ426		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett

CASEVAC S/L Back after a climbing accident from Caernarfon Hospital to RAF Halton.
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Wednesday 8th April 1964 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2959][MB]

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Swedish AF visit, by air?				
WK145	-	Canberra B.2	98 Sqn	To Watton, see 7.4
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR543:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Gerry Honey] became '55'				

Friday 10th April 1964 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2941][MB]

XD828	-	Valiant BK.1	49 Sqn	PD F/L R E Kemp
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XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L McRea
2 teenagers stranded on rocks off Trearddur Bay, airlifted onto the beach. Due to failing light the Coastguard used red flares to illuminate the scene.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR538:01 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 15.11.63				

Tuesday 14th April 1964 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2961][AIR 29/3655][MB]

XH497	-	Vulcan B.1A	101 Sqn	From Waddington F/L E H Macey
XH561	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L E Fell
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XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Aircraft force landed, no assistance required as the aircraft had landed safely, returned to Valley.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR539:08 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R repaired on site by 60 MU from 16.4 [possibly the same aircraft as the above emergency ?]				

Wednesday 15th April 1964 [AIR 27/2926][AIR 27/2961]

XH483	-	Vulcan B.1A	44 Sqn	F/L A Woodford
From and to Waddington.				
XH497	-	Vulcan B.1A	101 Sqn	To Waddington, see 14.4

Thursday 16th April 1964 [AIR 29/3655][AIR 27/2935]

56 Sqn departed back to Wattisham post their MPC.				
		Lightning F.1A	56 Sqn	To Wattisham
		Lightning F.1A	56 Sqn	To Wattisham
		Lightning F.1A	56 Sqn	To Wattisham
		Lightning F.1A	56 Sqn	To Wattisham
		Lightning F.1A	56 Sqn	To Wattisham
		Lightning F.1A	56 Sqn	To Wattisham
XH561	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L J L Bates

Friday 17th April 1964 [AIR 27/2921]

[WD]493		Hastings C.[2]	36 Sqn	F/L R G Mathew
Routed: Colerne-Valley-Wattisham-Colerne.				

Sunday 19th April 1964 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR572:19 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 23.6				

Monday 20th April 1964 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP539:39 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 20.4				

Tuesday 21st April 1964 [AIR 27/2929][AIR 29/3655][MB]

XM600	-	Vulcan B.2	35 Sqn	PD F/L J D Lloyd
XJ781	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L M C Hempstead
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP538:38 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 25.3.64 Gnat T.1 XR567:17 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 14.3				

Wednesday 22nd April 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Boat reported firing distress signals 1.5nms off Rhyl, on arrival the boat was under tow and no assistance required.				

Thursday 23rd April 1964 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 29/3655]

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AOC 18 Group, AVM K V Garside visited, by air?				
XJ824	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD S/L P Thomas
XJ782	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L M C Hempstead

Friday 24th April 1964 [AIR 29/3655]

XH560	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L D A Taylor
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Wednesday 29th April 1964 [AIR 29/3655][AIR 27/2968]

XJ824	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD W/C J Gale
WL691	N	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Walker ILS calibration

Thursday 30th April 1964 [AIR 27/2968][MB]

WL691	N	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	M/P Geary ILS calibration
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP510:10 4 FTS to Dunsfold for modifications [F/L McBride]				

Friday 1st May 1964 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2929]

XM603	-	Vulcan B.2	35 Sqn	PD F/L P G Franklin
		Hunter	DFCS	
Routed: Binbrook-Chivenor-Valley-Binbrook.				
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XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
Capsized dinghy between Bangor Pier and Beaumaris, nothing found. Winchman landed on Beach and informed that the survivors were safely ashore.				

Saturday 2nd May 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
Bangor Police reported a canoe floating in water at Lake Bala with no sign of any occupants. Scrambled but later informed by Preston ATC that the body of a youth who had been the sole occupant had been recovered, returned to Valley.				

Sunday 3rd May 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Located yacht 'Almeira' in distress, stood by while Llandudno Lifeboat took it in tow.				

Tuesday 5th May 1964 [AIR 27/2941]

WP221	-	Valiant B[PR].1	49 Sqn	PD F/L G S Webb
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Wednesday 6th May 1964 [AIR 29/4216][AIR 29/3398]

G-ARAY	-	HS.748 Srs.2A	Queens Flt	'RRR1154' Mr Allen
With HRH Prince Philip, routed: Woodford-Valley-Aldergrove-Woodford. G-ARAY was the 2 nd prototype and was leased to the RAF.				

Thursday 7th May 1964 [BJ]

EI-AMS	-	PA-22 Tri-Pacer 160	Iona	From Speke
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Friday 8th May 1964 [AIR 27/2968][AIR 4/223][MB]

WL688	G	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Rayner TACAN calibration
XD525	57	Vampire T.11	1 FTS	F/L B Cox
From & to Linton-on-Ouse.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP509:09 4 FTS [F/O Hardwick] from Dunsfold, see 9.10.63				

Sunday 10th May 1964 [BJ][AIR 27/2911]

G-ARBX	-	PA-18 Super Cub 95	Private	To Speke, Aerial photography
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XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Capsized yacht off Llandudloes, debris found and picked up, informed by local Police that the occupants were safely ashore.				

Monday 11th May 1964 [AIR 27/2911][MB]

XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
Man in difficulty in a boat near rocks at Roselyn, on arrival no assistance required.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP516:16 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 3.4.64 Gnat T.1 XP532:32 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 25.3.64 Gnat T.1 XR953:29 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 12.5				

Tuesday 12th May 1964 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911]

Valley MRT were called out for 3 days to assist the Kinloss MRT in the search for a USAF Voodoo. This was most probably F-101C 56-0013 78 TFS/81 TFW which took off from Bentwaters on 5 th May 1964 but disappeared whilst flying down the Great Glen near Fort William. Wreckage was finally found just below the summit of Maol Odhar after a 9-day search. The pilot Capt M H Reed III was killed.				
XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
Capsized boat at Port Dinorwic being towed by a motor launch, 1 survivor onboard and 1 in the water, airlifted the survivor in the water ashore at Port Dinorwic Sailing Club, stood by until the boat was beached.				

Wednesday 13th May 1964 [AIR 27/2911][@MAR 10/21][MB]

XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10*	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
		Whirlwind HAR.10*	CFS	
*Search carried out by both aircraft for an aircraft reported crashed into the sea, nothing found and recalled to Valley by Preston ATC.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP539:39 repairs complete back to 4 FTS 14.5, see 20.4.64 Gnat T.1 XR545:18 4 FTS visited Leuchars				

Thursday 14th May 1964 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR539:08 4 FTS repairs complete, back to 4 FTS [or 13.5 ?]				

Friday 15th May 1964 [BJ][AIR 27/2911][AIR 29/4216][AIR 29/3398]

XM295	-	Heron CC.4	Queens Flt	'RRR1162' W/C Ringer
Routed: Benson-London-Valley-Benson.				
XR486	-	Whirlwind HCC.12	Queens Flt	'RRR1163' S/L Liversidge
Routed: Benson-Shawbury-Valley-Vaenol-Llandudno-Vaenol-Valley-Benson.				
G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	From Speke
XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L McRea
CASEVAC patient with severe head injuries from Bangor to Manchester, patient later died in Hospital. Refuelled at Ringway [Manchester Airport] before returning to Valley.				

Sunday 17th May 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
4 children cut off by the tide at Red Wharf Bay, nothing seen. Later informed that the children reached shore safely.				

Monday 18th May 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
Search for catamaran 'Gay Fiesta.' Winchman lowered ensuring crew were safe, helicopter then returned to Valley to refuel and carry fuel to the catamaran. Helicopter then returned to the catamaran with the aid of Valley Radar and guided the Lifeboat to the vessel which was then taken under tow.				

Tuesday 19th May 1964 [AIR 29/4216][AIR 29/3398][AIR 29/3655]

XM295	-	Heron CC.4	Queens Flt	'RRR1165' W/C Ringer
Routed: Benson-Valley-Brawdy-London-Benson.				
XH560	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L W G George

Wednesday 20th May 1964 [AIR 29/3655]

XJ782	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L F J Wheeler
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Monday 25th May 1964 [AIR 27/2977][AIR 29/3655]

XD819	-	Valiant BK.1	148 Sqn	PD F/L M Killick
XA898	-	Vulcan B.1	230 OCU	PD F/L M R M Bishop

Tuesday 26th May 1964 [BJ][AIR 27/2926]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	To Speke
XH501	-	Vulcan B.1A	44 Sqn	PD W/C F R Lockyer

Wednesday 27th May 1964 [BJ][AB AMIL95][AIR 29/3506][AIR 29/3655]

XA895	-	Vulcan B.1A	230 OCU	PD F/L J Stanley
G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	From Speke
G-ASNK	-	Cessna 205P	Civil	To Speke [P Darlington]
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XR949	25	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	
Canopy hood fractured and cockpit decompressed at FL350 ; Student thought the Instructor had ejected and could not over-ride the controls so ejected. Instructor lost control with the hood off and ejected. Aircraft crashed on Arenig Fawr near Bala. The Valley MRT was called out but recalled once it was known that the pilots were ok. Whirlwind HAR.10 XP352 22 Sqn [F/L Huggett] scrambled to this and the pilots were located using the SARAH Beacon and flown back to Valley. A CFS Gnat also acted as a radio relay.				



[Dick Thomas Collection]

Instr	F/L	Paul Wilson	Ejected at 24,000ft ok
Student	P/O	Michael Hindley [6 Course]	Ejected at 21,000ft ok

Thursday 28th May 1964 [AIR 27/2911][MB]

XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
Police reported 2 boys drifting out to sea on an air cushion N of Hillbre Island off the Wirral, enroute met the Lifeboat with the 2 boys onboard. They were then airlifted suffering from cramp & exposure to the Lifeboat house.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP502:02 4 FTS from Dunsfold, see 20.11.63 Gnat T.1 XP541:41 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 3.6				

Friday 29th May 1964 [BJ][MB]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	To Speke
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP533:33 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 3.6 Gnat T.1 XR951:26 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 3.6				

Saturday 30th May 1964 [AIR 27/2926]

XH478	-	Vulcan B.1A	44 Sqn	PD F/L J H Cox, PD also at Leeming
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Sunday 31st May 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L McRea
Capsized yacht in Rhosneigr Bay, on arrival yacht had been righted and the crew were re-boarding. Stood by until all crew were onboard.				

Summer 1964

Pilots of the Yellowjacks listen to a briefing given by the Leader F/L Lee Jones.

Seated left to right are:

Ray Hoggarth [reserve pilot]

Derrick W McSweeney

Henry Prince [reserve pilot]

Peter G Hay

Gerry L Ranscombe

Guy S Whitley



Briefing outside the old 3 Sqn [Hunter] Huts. Holyhead Mountain can just be seen above the Mini Traveller on the extreme right.

[Steve Bond Collection]



Leader F/L Lee Jones.



A 22 Sqn Whirlwind can be seen hovering over the 01 threshold at extreme right.



A Meteor T.7 & Devon can be seen parked on VASF to the right.



This is an undated image from an early rehearsal overhead RAF Valley with 3 aircraft in the Yellowjacks scheme [XR540 XR986 XR992] and two 'borrowed' from 4 FTS [XR955:43 XR984:52]. XR992 would later fly for a short period of time [Jul 64] with a black fin. The 'Yellowjacks' name was derived from the colour of the aircraft and the fact that Lee Jones' callsign with the Black Arrows [111 Sqn] was 'Blackjack', a local reporter used it to name the team in a subsequent publication.

The relatively new V Bomber dispersal can be seen at the threshold of Runway 32 in a lighter shade.



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Monday 1st June 1964 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 29/3655]

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USAF Training Command visit including Maj/Gen H K Mooney, by air?				
XJ823	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD W/C J Gale
XJ825	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L K G Jones
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR980:48 4 FTS Church Fenton Airshow, flying.				

Thursday 4th June 1964 [AIR 29/3506]

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AOC 23 Group's Inspection.				

Friday 5th June 1964 [BJ][DW][AIR 29/3655][MB]

	-	Anson C.19	[Wattisham]	'BIA28'
XA900	-	Vulcan B.1	230 OCU	PD F/L M R M Bishop
XJ781	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD W/C J Gale
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR540 [W/C Edwards] XR986 [F/L McSweeney] XR992 [F/L Whitley] 4 FTS [all delivered in the new 'Yellowjacks' yellow scheme]				

Saturday 6th June 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Capsized boat with 2 occupants off Bull Bay, on arrival turned out to be a false alarm.				

Wednesday 10th June 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Capsized dinghy in Penrhos Bay, enroute informed of another capsized dinghy at Cemaes but instructed to attend the first incident. 2 survivors airlifted ashore, whilst enroute to Cemaes Bay informed that the second report should have read Penrhos Bay again. Returned to Penrhos Bay and picked up 2 survivors from the water alongside a capsized dinghy and airlifted them ashore, Lifeboat directed to the floating dinghies before returning to Valley.				

Thursday 11th June 1964 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2968]

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Retiring AOC-in-C FTC, AM Sir A Walker visited, by air?				
WL691	N	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	M/P Neale ILS calibration

Friday 12th June 1964 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR542:15 4 FTS assessed CAT.3R repaired on site by 60 MU from 15.6 Gnat T.1 XR953:29 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 11.5.64				

Saturday 13th June 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Boy stranded on rocks near Cilan Head, Abersoch. Recalled as boy had been saved by Army personnel.				

Tuesday 16th June 1964 [AIR 27/2968][MB]

WL622	R	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Mlejnecky from Watton n/stop
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP542:42 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU.				

Wednesday 17th June 1964 [AIR 29/3655][AIR 27/2968]

XA898	-	Vulcan B.1	230 OCU	PD W/C J Gale
WL622	R	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	ILS calibration then to Watton

Thursday 18th June 1964 [BJ][AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2923]

XH167	-	Canberra PR.9	39 Sqn	F/L W S Lenton
From Luqa at 12:50, departed to Belfast Sydenham at 15:00.				
G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	From Speke

Friday 19th June 1964 [BAG 64-07][MB]

G-APIE	-	Belfair B	Private	To Blackbushe
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XR977	46	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	
Heavy landing resulting in CAT.4R damage. It is noted as going to HAS Bitteswell 23.7.64				

Saturday 20th June 1964 [AB 1964]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 [XP535]:54 4 FTS Exeter Airshow, static.				

Monday 22nd June 1964 [AIR 27/2968][MB]

WL691	N	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	M/P Neale ILS calibration
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR568:36 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 23.6 Gnat T.1 XR987:- 4 FTS [F/L Ranscombe] delivered in 'Yellowjacks' scheme.				

Wednesday 24th June 1964 [AIR 27/2905]

XH616	-	Victor B.1	15 Sqn	PD F/L R S Wilkinson
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Saturday 27th June 1964 [BAG 64/07]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR983:53 4 FTS Yeovilton Airshow Display, static.				

Monday 29th June 1964 [AIR 27/2976][AIR 29/3655]

XL233	-	Victor B.2	139 Sqn	PD F/L R H Jarvis
XH561	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L V S Montgomery

Tuesday 30th June 1964 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP511:11 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired by 28.7.64				

Wednesday 1st July 1964 [BAG 64/07][MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP503:03 4 FTS visited Farnborough. Gnat T.1 XR991 [F/L Hoggarth] & XR993 [F/O Hay] 4 FTS [both delivered in 'Yellowjacks' scheme]				

Thursday 2nd July 1964 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP541:41 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 28.5.64 Gnat T.1 XR950:27 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 6.7				

Gnat T.1 XR994 [F/L Ranscombe] to 4 FTS 3.7 delivered in 'Yellowjacks' scheme.
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Friday 3rd July 1964 [BJ]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	To Speke
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Sunday 5th July 1964 [AIR 27/2912][AIR 27/2911]

23 Sqn arrived from Leuchars for their MPC. 23 Sqn MPC 5-24.7, 5 Firestreak missiles fired.				
		Javelin FAW.9	23 Sqn	MPC
		Javelin FAW.9	23 Sqn	MPC
		Javelin FAW.9	23 Sqn	MPC
		Javelin FAW.9	23 Sqn	MPC
		Javelin T.3*	23 Sqn	MPC
*AOC 13 Sector, A/Cdre R J P Pritchard observed a firing from the back seat of the T.3.				
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XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Yacht reported becalmed off South Stack, Holyhead Lifeboat homed in on the yacht which was then taken under tow.				

Monday 6th July 1964 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2913]

[WJ]329		Hastings C.[2]	24 Sqn	F/L J L Hillard
Routed: Colerne-Leuchars-Valley-Colerne.				
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XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
Search for a suspected parachute in the vicinity of Hilbre Island, recalled during the search by Preston ATC.				

Wednesday 8th July 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
2 people aboard a drifting dinghy, on arrival both were being rescued by a surface craft, stood by until they were ashore.				

Thursday 9th July 1964 [AIR 27/2936][MB]

XH588	-	Victor B.1	57 Sqn	PD S/L A W Fraser
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP502:02 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R repaired on site by 60 MU from 13.7 Gnat T.1 XP542:42 repairs complete back to 4 FTS 10.7, see 16.6.64 Gnat T.1 XR538:01 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 10.7 Gnat T.1 XR574:24 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 10.7				

Friday 10th July 1964 [AIR 27/2968][MB]

WJ945	H	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Bott MPN 11 calibration
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR951:26 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 29.5.64				

Saturday 11th July 1964 [AIR 29/3506]

Gnat Squadrons move over to the new Ops building on the Eastern side of the Airfield. Their old buildings are taken over by the CFS Helicopter detachment.				

Sunday 12th July 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Search for overdue motor boat, located in the middle of a sandbank near the mouth of the River Conwy. After confirming with local Coastguard that the tide would not re-float the boat before dark it was dragged a few yards clear then escorted into the harbour.				

Monday 13th July 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Assistance for boat with engine trouble, Lifeboat took it under tow.				

Tuesday 14th July 1964 [AIR 29/3628]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 Yellowjacks Solo display at Little Rissington for the Italian Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen Aldo Remondino.				

Wednesday 15th July 1964 [AIR 27/3212]

WV736		Pembroke C.1	MCS	M/P Dixon
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Secretary of State for Air.
Routed: Northolt-Ballykelly-Valley-Northolt.
[Dick Thomas Collection]

Thursday 16th July 1964 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2961][MB]

XA909	-	Vulcan B.1A	101 Sqn	AIR 27/2961
Whilst on a navigational training flight at 43,000ft from Prestwick to Waddington, 4hrs into the flight the aircraft suffered an engine bay explosion near engines 3 & 4 with aileron control lost. Cause was a bearing failure in No.4 engine. Starboard wing extensively damaged and a controlled ejection/bale out initiated. Aircraft although pointed out to sea crashed at Treddophlin Farm, Gwalchmai. 3 of the crew were picked up safely by Whirlwind HAR.10 XJ410 22 Sqn [F/S Mitchell] with the other 2 picked up by other aircraft. A Gnat from Valley flew alongside giving IAS readings as the Vulcan's were erroneous. All Crew escaped. Photo of XA909 on the ground at Prestwick prior to this flight exists [Andy Leitch] MRT was called out to search the wreckage for any 'secret' documentation. The aircraft had flown to Prestwick as part of Exercise 'Kinsman' which was a dispersal exercise on 14.7. As a result of this accident some Vulcan aircraft were prohibited from low level flying until the appropriate engine modifications had been carried out. [AIR 27/2942 50 Sqn ORB] The whole emergency was also heard and seen by 23 Sqn who were on MPC at the time.				
Captain	F/L	M H Smith	Ejected at 3,000ft/250kts ok	

Co-pilot	F/O	C [G] Woods	Ejected at 3,000ft/250kts ok
Nav	F/L	A R Fraser	Bailed out ok. Nav/Radar
Nav	F/L	A W Houghton	Bailed out ok. Nav/Plotter
AEOp	F/O	D M T Evans	Bailed out ok
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Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR948:28 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 20.7			

Friday 17th July 1964 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR542:15 4 FTS repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 12.6.64				

Sunday 19th July 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
Picked up 2 survivors from a capsized yacht, position of the yacht given to the Coastguard.				

Monday 20th July 1964 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR574:24 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 9.7				

Wednesday 22nd July 1964 [AIR 27/2911][MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR572:19 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 19.4.64 Gnat T.1 XR995 4 FTS delivery [F/L Jones] in 'Yellowjacks' scheme. Gnat T.1 XR997:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Hay] to 4 FTS 23.7 becoming '25'				
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XR978	47	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	
Inverted spin and loss of control. Crashed into Lake Celyn near Blaenau Ffestiniog. Valley MRT were called out and a guard set up in addition to a search for the ejector seats. 22 Sqn Whirlwind HAR.10 XP349 [F/S Mitchell] was called out to this and picked up one of the crew unhurt. Both it and a CFS Whirlwind then searched and located the injured second crewmember on Mynydd Nodol with the CFS one which had a Doctor onboard picking him up and returning to Valley. Struck off charge 28.7				
Instr	F/L	W G Netherton	Ejected but badly injured	
Student	P/O	P A Fisher	Ejected ok	

Thursday 23rd July 1964 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR535:05 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 27.7 [the F78 mentions being back with 4 FTS 18.4.74 which doesn't tally with this repair]				

Gnat T.1 XR987:- 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 23.7

Friday 24th July 1964 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2912][AIR 27/2921][AIR 27/2968]

23 Sqn departed back to Leuchars post their MPC.				
		Javelin FAW.9	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
		Javelin FAW.9	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
		Javelin FAW.9	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
		Javelin FAW.9	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
		Javelin T.3	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
[TG]535		Hastings C.[1]	36 Sqn	F/L P M Dickenson
Routed: Colerne-Valley-Leuchars-Colerne, return of 23 Sqn MPC support.				
WL622	R	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Sgt Nolan ILS calibration
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XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Rowing boat in Red Wharf Bay not making any headway, guided Moelfre Lifeboat to it and then stood by whilst the boat was towed ashore.				

Saturday 25th July 1964 [DW]

1 st display by the Yellowjacks at RNAS Culdrose.				
Gnat T.1 XR540 XR986 XR991 XR992 XR993 plus 4 FTS aircraft XR539:08 XR543:55				

Monday 27th July 1964 [Pprune Sycamore logbook*][AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911][AIR 29/3655]

XJ823	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L W G George
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XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Missing canoe in Red Wharf Bay located and 2 survivors airlifted safely ashore.				
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[XR987]		Gnat T.1	4 FTS	
Canopy disintegrated at 35,000ft, aircraft returned safely to Valley. 22 Sqn Whirlwind HAR.10 XJ410 [F/L Holmes] covered this, after the aircraft landed safely the helicopter carried out a search for a missing boy at sea, nothing found.				
Pilot	F/L	G J McIntosh	Ok	
Based noted: Whirlwind HAR.10 CFS Detachment* XP356:W-B XP405:W-D XP342:W-H XP302:W-M XP343:W-R Flew 45 sorties as part of the Course. Living in the Sgts Mess annex, described as a dismal place with no heating, no bath, outdoor ablutions, equivalent to being a Prisoner of War!				

Tuesday 28th July 1964 [AIR 27/2912][AIR 27/2911][MB]

23 Sqn low level Firestreak trial.				
		Javelin FAW.9	23 Sqn	MPC
		Javelin FAW.9	23 Sqn	MPC
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XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Scrambled to a canoe in trouble, on arrival no assistance required.				
Based noted:				
				
Yellowjack Gnat T.1 XR540 landing at Valley. [Tom Lutton]				
Gnat T.1 XR568:36 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 22.6.64				

Wednesday 29th July 1964 [AIR 27/2911][MB]

XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Scrambled to a light aircraft which had crash landed, on arrival no assistance required as the pilot was safe and well.				
Based noted:				
Gnat T.1 XP502:02 4 FTS repairs complete, back to 4 FTS see 9.7.64				
Gnat T.1 XR987:- repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 23.7.64				

Thursday 30th July 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
2 rescues. Firstly, capsized dinghy off Beaumaris Pier, on arrival the dinghy and occupants were safely ashore. Secondly, scrambled to a boat in difficulty, on arrival the occupants refused assistance, but the Coastguard insisted that the boat was in danger. Returned to the scene to find the boat under tow.				

Friday 31st July 1964 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2923]

XH176	-	Canberra PR.9	39 Sqn	F/L W S Lenton
From Luqa at 12:35, departed to Sydenham at 15:55.				
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XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Overtaken dinghy in Cemaes Bay, on arrival airlifted 2 survivors from rocks and landed them safely on the beach.				

Based noted:



Yellowjacks practice display, one of the Meteor NF.14 [see August] was used as a photoship.
[Tom Lutton]

August 1964 [AIR 27/2917]

29 Sqn MPC was cancelled due to the worsening political situation in Cyprus.

August 1964 [AIR 27/2958]

At some stage in August OC 92 Sqn S/L Hine & F/L Aldridge visited Valley to liaise with the Gnat & Jet Provost Aerobatic Teams reference co-ordination with the forthcoming SBAC Show at Farnborough. 92 Sqn were putting up a 6 ship of Lightnings. [Hunter T.7 XL571:V 92 Sqn visited Farnborough on 12.8]

[XL571]	[V]	[Hunter T.7 ?]	92 Sqn	S/L Hine
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August 1964 [RD]

These are a selection of photographs taken by Ray Deacon in August 1964 at Valley.
The Meteors were at Valley to act as photo ships for the Yellowjacks.

WS842	B	Meteor NF.14	1 ANS	From Stradishall
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[Ray Deacon]

WS788	C	Meteor NF.14	1 ANS	
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Parked on VAS with WS842 behind. [Ray Deacon]

WS840	N	Meteor NF.14	1 ANS	
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[Ray Deacon]

G-AHGC	-	DH Rapide	HSA	Hawker Siddeley Aviation
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Most probably on a visit for the Yellowjacks display work up. [Ray Deacon]

VV964	-	Anson C.21	4 FTS	Station Flight aircraft
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[Ray Deacon]

XK624	79	Vampire T.11	1 FTS	From Linton-on-Ouse
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With the old Wartime ATC Tower in the background. [Ray Deacon]				
XR993	-	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	



Parked on the apron in front of Gaydon Hangar, newly delivered XR993 has just arrived back from its 4th or 5th acceptance flight having failed the previous three. It was subsequently returned to Hawkers at Dunsfold for remedial work before returning to Valley and re-joining the display team. The low rise buildings in the background are the wartime USAAF TRANSAT briefing rooms.

[Ray Deacon]

XR655	V	JP T.4	7 FTS	From Church Fenton
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[Ray Deacon]

Saturday 1st August 1964 [DW]

Yellowjacks display at RNAS Brawdy ?
XR992 present.

Monday 3rd August 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
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Exercise carried out with Moelfre Lifeboat.				
XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Capsized canoe, on arrival a body was seen 30yds down the beach. Winchman lowered with oxygen equipment as the Police & local Doctor had arrived. After CPR the man was pronounced dead, he had been in the water approx. 2hrs.				

Wednesday 5th August 1964 [AIR 27/2911][MB]

XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L McRea
Dinghy reported in trouble a few miles out to sea, dinghy located with 2 occupants, 1 male 1 female. Female airlifted whilst the man waited for the Lifeboat, girl was landed at Moelfre. Later scrambled to a boat in difficulties off White Beach area, informed that the rescue had already been carried out.				
XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L McRea
Report of a dinghy drifting out to sea, searched with the Rhyl Lifeboat but informed that the dinghy had beached further along the coast.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP515:[98] allocated to 4 FTS from 6.8 but transferred back to CFS 7.8.64 Gnat T.1 XR996 4 FTS [F/L Hogarth] to 4 FTS 6.8 delivered in 'Yellowjacks' scheme				

Thursday 6th August 1964 [DW][AIR 29/3506][AIR 29/3628][AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2968]

WL691	N	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Bott from Watton n/stop
Carried out ILS & MPN 11 calibration after arrival.				
		?		
AOC 19 Group, AVM J Barraclough visited 22 Sqn for the annual inspection, by air?				
XP572		[6]x JP T.4	CFS	Red Pelicans

Detached to Valley until 27.8 to co-ordinate a display for the SBAC Farnborough Air Show along with the Yellowjacks, possibly more than 6 jets? [Known Red Pelican jets at that time were: XP549:40 XP550:41 XP551:42 XP552:43 XP553:44 XP554:45 XP570:46 XP571:47 XP572:48 XP573:49]

A Youtube film 'Farnborough Air Display – 64/75 (1964)' has scenes filmed at Valley.



Parked on VAS with another example behind, and not wearing a code, dated 8.64.

[Ray Deacon]

Pilots were:

F/L's T Lloyd, B Nice, W Langworthy, D Southern, H Lane & E Tilsley.
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Friday 7th August 1964 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2968][MB]

WL691	N	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	To Watton
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XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
Drifting dinghy off Trearddur Bay, nothing seen. However, a further search revealed the dinghy making its own way back to shore.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR538:01 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 9.7.64				

Saturday 8th August 1964 [BAG 64-09]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 4 FTS Yellowjacks displayed at Wethersfield AB. XR540 XR986 XR987 XR991 XR993 XR994 plus static display XR953:29				
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Monday 10th August 1964 [AIR 27/2926][MB]

XH501	-	Vulcan B.1A	44 Sqn	PD F/L J N Bird
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR950:27 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 2.7.64				

Wednesday 12th August 1964 [BJ][AIR 29/3655]

TX229	[-]	Anson C.19	[Bovingdon]	'DWK23' from Speke
XA901	-	Vulcan B.1	230 OCU	PD F/L D V Brice

Thursday 13th August 1964 [AIR 27/2960][AIR 27/2976]

XL512	-	Victor B.2	100 Sqn	PD F/L J R Woolfall
XL191	-	Victor B.2	139 Sqn	PD F/L J B Mayhew

Friday 14th August 1964 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR948:28 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 16.7.64				

Monday 17th August 1964 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 29/3655]

XJ781	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L M J Biggs
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XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
CASEVAC Birmingham to Oswestry Hospital.				
XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
CFS helicopter reported a capsized boat, on investigation the survivor was safe ashore, whilst returning asked to investigate another capsized boat but no assistance required.				
XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Scrambled to a boat in trouble off Harlech, this turned out to be a Lifeboat with engine				

trouble, managed to restart, Coastguard informed.

Tuesday 18th August 1964 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2924][AIR 27/2911]

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AOC-in-C, AM P H Dunn visited, by air?				
WR958	D	Shackleton MR.2	42 Sqn	F/L A K Hancock
From & to St Mawgan.				
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XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L McRea
Boat in trouble at Whistling Sands, located boat but no assistance required.				

Thursday 20th August 1964 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2926]

		?x Gnat T.1	4 FTS	
4 FTS was informed by the Civilian Police that a ketch 'Wild Venture' had been stolen from its moorings in the Menai Straits. Police believed it had been stolen by a member of the Great Train Robbery who had recently escaped from a Birmingham Prison. All pilots were requested to inform the Unit if sighted. Vessel was sighted by P/O D R Drake, a student on 7 Course, transpired that the vessel had been stolen by 2 boys who had absconded from a Borstal Institution and were apprehended.				
XH475	-	Vulcan B.1A	44 Sqn	PD F/L I J Hill

Friday 21st August 1964 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2913][AIR 27/2941]

[TG]557		Hastings C.[1]	24 Sqn	F/L E G Waddingham
Routed: Colerne-Thorney Island-Valley-Colerne.				
WJ330		Hastings C.2	24 Sqn	F/L R J Jones from & to Colerne
WZ404	-	Valiant BK.1	49 Sqn	PD F/L J Cartwright
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XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L McRea
Search for missing swimmer off Fairbourne, nothing seen.				
XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
Climber with reported heart attack airlifted from Cader Idris to Dolgellau Hospital.				

Saturday 22nd August 1964 [BAG 64-09][AIR 27/2911]

Gnat T.1 4 FTS Yellowjacks displayed at Kemble. XR986 XR991 XR992 XR993 XR994 plus XP537:100 CFS				
Busy day for SAR!				
XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L McRea
2 rescues. Firstly, capsized yacht with 2 occupants. 1 survivor airlifted whilst the other remained with the yacht as it was blown ashore, airlifted survivor landed on the beach. Second one, dinghy reported low in the water 3nms off Moelfre, on arrival occupants signalled all was well, Coastguard informed.				
XJ426		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Capsized boat with 7 occupants, on arrival spotted a man with a child in his arms, child airlifted to the beach. The other survivors had swum ashore but all but one required medical				

attention and were transported to Bangor Hospital. Returned to airlift the last survivor and flew him to Bangor Hospital, then returned to Valley.

XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Search for capsized boat with 12 survivors but one missing. When the fuel was low the second helicopter was scrambled to continue searching but nothing found.				
XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L McRea
Second aircraft, see above.				

Sunday 23rd August 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Capsized yacht, on arrival all survivors safe, returned to Valley.				

Monday 24th August 1964 [BJ][AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2913]

TG557	557	Hastings C.1	24 Sqn	F/L J Gray
				
Seen here taxiing out. Andrew Hall is on the left & Stephen Hall on the right. [Stephen Hall] Routed: Colerne-Valley-Thorney Island-Colerne.				
G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	To Speke



[Stephen Hall]

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XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Boat in difficulties off Red Wharf Bay, on arrival the Lifeboat was towing the boat in with survivors onboard.				

Tuesday 25th August 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Boat in difficulty, 2 survivors airlifted and landed at Trevor.				
XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
Small boat in trouble, on arrival boat was under tow, stood by until boat was beached.				

Wednesday 26th August 1964 [AIR 27/2911][SH]

WS842	B	Meteor NF.14	1 ANS	
				
[Stephen Hall]				
XP349		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L McRea
Reported drowning at Trearddur Bay, informed whilst airborne that the survivor had been rescued but would require CASEVAC. Flown to Holyhead Hospital whilst the winchman gave CPR, later confirmed the survivor was alive.				

Thursday 27th August 1964 [BJ][AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	To & from Speke
WJ949	19	Varsity T.1	CFS	See below
Portuguese AF Officers visit 27/28.8, they also visited Church Fenton. They arrived at Little Rissington in 4 T-37C [serials 2415 2420 2425 2429] aircraft, but the aircraft remained there.				
				

[National Archives]				
		?x JP	CFS	Red Pelicans
Back to Little Rissington post detachment, see 6.8.64				
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XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L McRea
Coastguard reported someone being swept out to sea, search started, and informed survivor had been picked up and taken to Hospital.				
XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Capsized yacht, on arrival found occupants being helped to re-floated dinghy, no assistance required.				

Friday 28th August 1964 [AIR 27/2926]

XH481	-	Vulcan B.1A	44 Sqn	PD F/L J N Bird also PD Manston
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Saturday 29th August 1964 [AB 1964]

Yellowjacks performed at the Little Rissington [CFS] Airshow. Gnat T.1 XR540 XR986 XR987 XR991 XR992 XR993 XR994				

Sunday 30th August 1964 [BJ]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	Speke-Colerne
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Monday 31st August 1964 [AIR 27/2901][AIR 29/3655]

XM611	-	Vulcan B.2	9 Sqn	PD F/L J F Willis
XA901	-	Vulcan B.1	230 OCU	PD F/L D V Brice

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		Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC
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Tuesday 1st September 1964 [BAG 64/10][AIR 27/2911][AIR 29/3655][MB]

XJ824	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD W/C J Gale
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XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L McRea
Capsized dinghy with 2 survivors in the water alongside, on arrival the Lifeboat had arrived.				
XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
2 rescues. First, possible body in the water, on arrival spotted girl swimmer in difficulties but she was rescued, the other survivor was flown to Bangor Hospital but was pronounced dead on arrival despite CPR. Second, carried out search for a missing 6yr old boy, nothing seen.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP533:33 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 29.5.64 Anson C.19 VV964 Valley Station Flight visited Farnborough.				

Wednesday 2nd September 1964 [BJ][AIR 27/3212]

VP956		Devon C.[1]	MCS	F/L Brown
VIP Gen Sir C Jones, from and to Northolt.				
XR992	-	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	Black fin [F/L L Jones]
XR540	-	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	[F/O D W McSweeney]
XR986	-	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	[F/L G S Whitley]
XR987	-	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	[F/L G L Ranscombe]
XR991	-	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	[F/O P G Hay]
XR993	-	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	[F/L R Hoggarth] Reserve
XR994	-	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	[F/L M J Prince] Reserve
XR995	-	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	[Commentator]
XR996	-	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	[Static display]

'Yellowjacks' from Valley to Farnborough for the SBAC show. The names/serials match may not be an exact match up, but the serials and names are accurate. Based 2-14.9 with displays 7-13.9. display included a synchronised section with the 'Red Pelicans' which operated from Benson, Operation Order specified 9 aircraft.



[Dick Thomas Collection]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR998:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Smith] to 4 FTS 3.9 becoming '47' Gnat T.1 XR999:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Smith] became '56' on 3.9 Whirlwind HAR.10 XJ410 22 Sqn visited Speke.				
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Thursday 3rd September 1964 [DF][AIR 27/2926]

WF379	-	Varsity T.1	RRE	From & to Pershore
XH475	-	Vulcan B.1A	44 Sqn	PD F/L T W Turnill

Friday 4th September 1964 [DF]

XA880	[-]	Devon C.1	RRE	From & to Pershore
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Monday 7th September 1964 [BJ][AIR 29/3507][AIR 27/2911]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	Speke-Kidlington
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XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Canoeist in difficulty off Point Lynas, nothing seen so landed at Moelfre Coastguard Station, informed the canoe was in the rocks E of the headland, canoeist found but no assistance required.				

Tuesday 8th September 1964 [BAG 64-10]

Based noted: Anson C.19 VV964 Valley SF visited Odiham.				

Wednesday 9th September 1964 [AIR 29/3655]

XJ782	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L W G George
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Thursday 10th September 1964 [BJ][AIR 29/3506]

G-ASKT	-	PA-28 Cherokee 180	Private	Speke-Manston
[KP221]	221	DC-3	1 AD	RCAF [1 st Air Division]



RCAF visit, W/C Whitley, F/L Garner both RCAF & Maj Van Cleef USAF.
[Both: National Archives]

Monday 14th September 1964 [AIR 29/3628][MB]

XP531	[99]	Gnat T.1	CFS	
XP515	[98]	Gnat T.1	CFS	
Both from Little Rissington for modifications.				

Tuesday 15th September 1964 [BJ]

G-ANAN	-	DH.104 Dove 1B	Private	To & from Speke
Morton Air Services.				

Thursday 17th September 1964 [BJ][AIR 27/2938][AIR 27/2907][MB]

64 Sqn planned MPC [17-25.9.64] was cancelled. The Sqn was warned to prepare for deployment to the Far East.				
G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	To Speke
XK952	-	Canberra B[I].8	16 Sqn	F/L T J Frame from Laarbruch
For Battle of Britain Demonstration.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR950:27 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 21.9				

Friday 18th September 1964

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS100:[-] 4 FTS delivery [F/L Ramsay] to 4 FTS 21.9 becoming '57'				

Saturday 19th September 1964 [AIR 29/3506]

Battle of Britain Open Day ?				
Gnat T.1 4 FTS Yellowjacks Display at Biggin Hill & Gaydon. XR540 XR986 XR991 XR992* [black fin*] XR993 XR994 XR995 XR996 [XR540 XR991 XR992 XR993 XR994 displayed at Gaydon]				
Based noted: 10 Gnats to various Airfields for the annual Battle of Britain displays. Gnat T.1 XR954:30 4 FTS Leuchars, static. Gnat T.1 XR573:20 4 FTS Leuchars, flying plus Acklington. Gnat T.1 XP514:14 4 FTS Acklington, static. Gnat T.1 XR539:08 4 FTS Acklington, flying. Gnat T.1 XR543:55 4 FTS Biggin Hill, static. Gnat T.1 XP507:07 4 FTS Gaydon, static. Gnat T.1 XR570:22 4 FTS Coltishall, flying. Gnat T.1 XR571:23 4 FTS Coltishall, flying. Gnat T.1 XR951:26 4 FTS Coltishall, flying. Gnat T.1 XP509:09 4 FTS St Mawgan, flying. 4x Gnat T.1 4 FTS Ternhill, flying. Anson C.21 VV964 Station Flight Acklington.				

Monday 21st September 1964 [AIR 27/2907][AIR 27/2968][MB]

XK952	-	Canberra B[I].8	16 Sqn	To Laarbruch, see 17.9
WL688	G	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Sandbach TACAN calibration
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR540 loaned to A&AEE [XR540 subsequently flew predominately with the Red Arrows. It was allocated 8636M 5.9.79 and flown to Cranwell 17.9.79, then to Culdrose 10.83 for ground instruction. It was				

sold to G Thompson [St Cloud FL] 8.1.87 and onwards to Front Range, Denver]

Wednesday 23rd September 1964 [BAG 64-10]

Based noted: Anson C.21 VV964 Valley Station Flight visited Farnborough.				

Thursday 24th September 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XP347		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Capsized canoe at Moelfre, on arrival canoe had been re-righted, no assistance required.				

Friday 25th September 1964 [AIR 27/2907][MB]

XK952	-	Canberra B[I].8	16 Sqn	F/L N R W Whitling
From Laarbruch to Wyton for a Flying Display at Wyton.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP540:40 4 FTS loaned to MoA [Ministry of Aviation] for 2 months.				

October 1964

Yellowjacks Display Team disbands, see 1965 Archive 18.1.65.				
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Thursday 1st October 1964 [MB]

XR986	-	Gnat T.1	YJ	To 5 MU, Kemble
[XR986 subsequently spent all of its service career with CFS/Red Arrows. It collided with XR545 20.1.71 during a roulette manoeuvre at Kemble as 'RED6'. The crew F/L's Euan Perreux & John Lewis were both killed]				
XR987	-	Gnat T.1	YJ	To 5 MU, Kemble
[XR987 subsequently spent all of its service career with CFS/Red Arrows. It was then allocated 8641M 5.9.79 and flew to 2 SoTT Cosford 14.11.79 [last Gnat to leave Kemble] for instructional use as 'S' It was offered for sale in 1988 then to Arnold Glass/Ruanil Investments Ltd at Cranfield. It was then shipped to USA from Felixstowe 2.8.89 with registration N7CV issued 7.12.95 Then to Real Speed Inc. [Wilmington DE] then to International Aero Preservation Society Inc. [Wilmington DE] 13.3.07 Then to International Aero Preservation Society Inc. [Pembroke Pines FL] 12.4.2011 based at California City. It was then sold to Matt Wilcock in New Zealand in 2023 for a restoration to fly]				
XR991	-	Gnat T.1	YJ	To 5 MU, Kemble
[XR991 subsequently spent all of its service career with CFS/Red Arrows. It was then allocated 8637M 5.9.79 and flown to Cranwell 17.9.79 for instructional use. It then went to the School of Aircraft Handling Culdrose as A2709 27.1.82 It was registered G-BOXO 3.8.88 to Arnold Glass/Ruanil Investments at Cranfield. Then to Leavesden 11.11.87 before being shipped to the USA via Felixstowe 2.8.89. It was registered N1CL 9.89 to Morgan Merrill/Jet 1 Inc. [Alexandria VA] then to McDonnell Enterprises Inc. [California City CA] 3.92. To Aerocrafters Inc [Santa Rosa CA] 31.10.02 To Stephen Rosenberg [Novato CA] 4.3.04 then to Marine Aviation Museum [Wilmington DE] 1.5.10 then to Jerod Flohr/Gnarly Gnat LLC [Henderson NV] 12.9.23 then to Gnarly Gnat LLC [Houston TX] 7.9.24]				
XR992	-	Gnat T.1	YJ	To 5 MU, Kemble

[XR992 subsequently spent all of its service career with CFS/Red Arrows. It crashed at Kemble 16.12.69 when the pilot was ordered to eject after a fire warning intended for another aircraft [XR995 'RED7'] and abandoned a perfectly servicable aircraft] F/L Dickie Duckett ejected safely.

Friday 2nd October 1964 [BJ]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	From Speke
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Monday 5th October 1964 [AIR 27/2898][AIR 27/2928]

5 Sqn arrived from Geilenkirchen for their MPC. 5 Sqn MPC 5-23.10, 5 Firestreak missiles fired. 3 aircraft returned 23.10 whilst 2 aircraft remained until 11.11 for the low level trial.				
		Javelin FAW.9	5 Sqn	MPC
		Javelin FAW.9	5 Sqn	MPC
		Javelin FAW.9	5 Sqn	MPC
XH773	D	Javelin FAW.9	5 Sqn	MPC
XH904	T	Javelin FAW.9	5 Sqn	MPC
XB263	A	Beverley C.1	47 Sqn	'RRR3459' F/L D J Lowery
Routed: Abingdon-Geilenkirchen-Valley-Abingdon, 5 Sqn MPC support.				

Tuesday 6th October 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Small rowing boat being swept out to sea at Penrhos, boat located and both survivors airlifted to the beach.				

Wednesday 7th October 1964 [AIR 27/2968]

WL691	N	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Rayner from St Mawgan
Carried out ILS calibration then departed to Ballykelly.				

Thursday 8th October 1964 [AIR 29/3628]

XR996	-	Gnat T.1	YJ	To CFS, Little Rissington
XP531	[99]	Gnat T.1	CFS	To Little Rissington, see 14.9
XR993	-	Gnat T.1	YJ	To 5 MU, Kemble
[XR993 subsequently spent all of its service career with CFS/Red Arrows. It was flown 17.9.79 to the School of Aircraft Handling at Culdrose as A2677 coded '4'. Allocated 8878M 14.11.85 for the RAF Museum at Hendon for display. Then to Leavesden for preparation for shipping, to G Thompson [St Cloud FL] 8.1.87 Then registered N3XR 23.11.90 for Gnat Inc. [Wilmington DE] It crashed 10.1.91 at Shreveport Regional Airport [LA] due to fuel starvation, both crew were killed. Parts at Denver/Front Range 2006]				
XR994	-	Gnat T.1	YJ	To 5 MU, Kemble
[XR994 subsequently spent its entire service career with CFS/Red Arrows. It crashed 13.11.70 after experiencing an engine failure when the team were carrying out a twinkle roll. The pilot S/L Dennis Hazell 'RED1' ejected short of the Kemble runway due to the runway being blocked by 2 Valley Gnats. He suffered a broken thigh bone and was replaced				

as Leader by S/L Bill Loverseed]

XR995	-	Gnat T.1	YJ	To 5 MU, Kemble
[XR995 subsequently spent all of its service career with CFS/Red Arrows. Crashed 16.12.69 SE of Cirencester during a formation practice after an in-flight fire due to a compressor failure. F/L Jack Rust ejected safely with minor injuries]				

Based noted:
Gnat T.1 XS102:[-] 4 FTS delivery [Rhodes] became '58'

Saturday 10th October 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XP347		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Wildfowler injured by shotgun on Marshade Sands, Southport and flown to ambulance waiting at roadside				

Sunday 11th October 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XP347		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Dinghy in difficulty off Colwyn Bay, on arrival waved away by Police as the dinghy had been safely beached.				

Monday 12th October 1964 [AB AMIL95][AIR 29/3506][AIR 29/3628][SB][MB]

XP515	[98]	Gnat T.1	CFS	To Little Rissington, see 14.9
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XR976	44	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	
Undershot on a practice forced landing due to a main trim failure. After impacting the undershoot the undercarriage broke off, both pilots ejected. Aircraft crashed into the Afon Crigyll between the runway and Rhosneigr.				
Instr	F/L	Mike A Vickers		Ejected at 5-600ft ok.
Instr	Lt	Richard A Sheridan [RN]		Ejected at 2-300ft ok.

Friday 16th October 1964 [AIR 29/3655]

XJ782	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD W/C J Gale
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Wednesday 21st October 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Dinghy overdue since 20.10 with 2 occupants. Helicopter returned enroute due to a secondary hydraulic problem. Scramble passed on to a CFS helicopter.				
		Whirlwind HAR.10	CFS	See above.
XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L McRea
Coastguard informed that fishing vessel 'Sea Witch' was overdue with last position given as 5nms N of Rhyl, search hampered by fading light but later informed that the vessel was safe.				

Thursday 22nd October 1964 [AIR 27/2928]

XB288	U	Beverley C.1	47 Sqn	F/L J Blount
Routed: Abingdon-Valley-Geilenkirchen-Valley-Abingdon, return of 5 Sqn MPC support.				

Friday 23rd October 1964 [AIR 27/2898][AIR 27/3120]

5 Sqn MPC low speed missile launch trial.

12.10-10.11

Both aircraft returned to Geilenkirchen for servicing the weekend 7/8.11

Both then returned to Valley before finally departing post-trial on 11.11.

XH904 operated as the firer on all the trials.

XH773	D	Javelin FAW.9	5 Sqn	MPC [F/L Joyce & S/L McCabe]
XH904	T	Javelin FAW.9	5 Sqn	MPC [F/L Hallam & F/L Harrison]
		Beverley C.1		5 Sqn support to Geilenkirchen.
XR134	134	Argosy C.1	267 Sqn	'RRR4227' F/L D E Hobday
Routed: Benson-Geilenkirchen-Valley-Benson, 11 Sqn MPC support.				

Saturday 24th October 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XJ410		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Capsized rowing boat, informed the occupants had been rescued by a Police launch.				

Monday 26th October 1964 [AIR 27/2895]

11 Sqn [5 aircraft] arrived from Geilenkirchen for their MPC.

MPC 26.10-14.11, 5 Firestreak missiles fired.

1 [XH776 most probably as the rest fired missiles from 5.11] departed back 4.11

XH760	B	Javelin FAW.9	11 Sqn	[F/L Jonklass & Sgt Evans]
XH770	K	Javelin FAW.9	11 Sqn	[F/L Richardson & F/L Hall]
XH769	N	Javelin FAW.9	11 Sqn	[F/L Morgans & F/L Hopper]
XH776	P	Javelin FAW.9	11 Sqn	[F/L Gautrey & F/O Pike]
XH709	R	Javelin FAW.9	11 Sqn	

11 Sqn MPC, XH776:P in Course photo.



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		[? Transport]		11 Sqn MPC support
XF322	[704:LM]	Hunter T.8	[764 NAS]	Lt Rawlinson & S/Lt T Gedge

Thursday 29th October 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XP347		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
White flare sighted and search carried out, nothing seen. Later informed by Llanbedr ATC that it was a false alarm.				

Friday 30th October 1964 [AIR 27/3032][MB]

11 Sqn MPC 1x Firestreak fired [XH776:P][W/C Marriott & Sgt Buckingham]				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR950:27 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 17.9.64				

Tuesday 3rd November 1964 [AIR 29/3655]

XJ824	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L D H Taylor
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Wednesday 4th November 1964 [AIR 27/3032][AIR 27/2911]

XH776	P	Javelin FAW.9	11 Sqn	MPC to Geilenkirchen, see 26.10.
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XJ426		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Holmes
Dinghy reported 1nm off Red Wharf Bay, occupants only had one oar, message passed on to quarry workers from where the boat had come.				

Thursday 5th November [AIR 27/3032]

11 Sqn MPC 1x Firestreak fired [XH760:B][F/L Gautrey & F/O Pike]				

Friday 6th November 1964 [AIR 27/3032][MB]

11 Sqn MPC 1x Firestreak fired [XH769:N][F/L Morgan & Hopper]				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS103:- 4 FTS delivery [F/L Latham] to 4 FTS 11.11 becoming '59' Gnat T.1 XS104:- 4 FTS delivery [F/L Wickham] to 4 FTS 11.11 as '44'				

Saturday 7th November 1964 [AIR 27/3032]

		?x Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	
From St Athan to fly students from UCNW, Bangor. Flew sorties on 7/8.11. they were also supposed to fly up the weekend 21/22.11 but this was cancelled due to weather.				

Monday 9th November 1964 [AIR 29/3506]

[15930]		CC-106 Yukon	RCAF	Diversion
Diverted from Lyneham due to fog, carrying radioactive stores which were transferred to the Dutch F-27. 15930 visited Prestwick 12.11				
		F-27	/KLu	Dutch AF

Tuesday 10th November 1964 [AIR 27/3032][AIR 27/2959][AIR 27/2936]

11 Sqn MPC 1x Firestreak fired [XH709:R][F/L Jonklass & Sgt Evans] 1x Firestreak fired [XH770:K]				
XN404	404	Britannia C.2	99 Sqn	Diversion, 'RRR6516' F/L Yeomans.
Diverted whilst en-route Luqa-Lyneham.				
XH620	-	Victor B.1	57 Sqn	PD F/L A J Edwards

Wednesday 11th November 1964 [AIR 27/2898][AIR 27/2959][AIR 27/2936]

5 Sqn departed back to Geilenkirchen post their MPC.				
XH773	D	Javelin FAW.9	5 Sqn	To Geilenkirchen
XH904	T	Javelin FAW.9	5 Sqn	To Geilenkirchen
XN404	404	Britannia C.2	99 Sqn	To Lyneham, see 10.11
XH620	-	Victor B.1	57 Sqn	PD F/L A J Edwards

Saturday 14th November 1964 [AIR 27/2913][AIR 27/2921]

[TG]621		Hastings C.[1]	24 Sqn	F/L J H Simpson
[TG]556		Hastings C.[1]	36 Sqn	F/L W Brown
Both Hastings were from Colerne to Geilenkirchen with 5 Sqn's MPC support party.				

Tuesday 17th November 1964 [AIR 27/2979][AIR 27/2988]

WR978	A	Shackleton MR.3	206 Sqn	F/L Hunter
Diversion from St Mawgan at 15:50 n/stop.				
XF705	M	Shackleton MR.3	201 Sqn	S/L Dark
From St Mawgan at 21:10.				

Wednesday 18th November 1964 [AIR 27/2979][AIR 27/2988]

WR978	A	Shackleton MR.3	206 Sqn	F/L Hunter
Departed back to St Mawgan at 11:05, see 17.11				
XF705	M	Shackleton MR.3	201 Sqn	S/L Dark
Departed to St Mawgan at 10:45, see 17.11				

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92 Sqn arrived from Leconfield for their MPC. 92 Sqn MPC, 5 missiles fired. First missile fired by the T.4 [F/L A P S Jones]				
		Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC

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		Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning T.4	92 Sqn	MPC

Tuesday 1st December 1964 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS105:- 4 FTS delivery [F/L Mackintosh] becoming '60'				

Sunday 6th December 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XP347		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Capsized boat with 3 men onboard, on arrival found a body in the water which was winched up and CPR given without success. Landed body at Moelfre and informed that the other 2 survivors had been rescued safely.				

Tuesday 8th December 1964 [BJ][AIR 27/2911]

G-AROK	-	Cessna 310F	J Breeden	To & from Speke
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XP347		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Report from Coastguard of distress signals fired in the Trearddur Bay area, nothing seen despite firing a green very.				

Wednesday 9th December 1964 [AIR 27/2936]

XH593	-	Victor B.1	57 Sqn	PD F/L A J Edwards
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Thursday 10th December 1964 [AIR 27/2923]

XH134	-	Canberra PR.9	39 Sqn	F/L W S Lenton N/stop
From Bassingbourn at 15:15				

Friday 11th December 1964 [AIR 27/2923][MB]

XH134	-	Canberra PR.9	39 Sqn	F/L W S Lenton
To Luqa at 12:10, see 10.12.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP540:40 4 FTS back from loan to MoA, see 25.9.64 Gnat T.1 XR997:25 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 18.12				

Sunday 13th December 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XJ426		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Alerted by Colwyn Bay Police of 4 people stranded on top of a car in the Newtown area, on arrival the people had already been rescued. Refuelled in a field near Caernarfon then returned to Valley.				

Monday 14th December 1964 [AIR 27/2924]

WR958	D	Shackleton MR.2	42 Sqn	W/C Carson from & to St Mawgan
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Tuesday 15th December 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

XJ426		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Search for an aircraft that had crashed into the sea near Rhyl, false alarm with good intentions.				

Wednesday 16th December 1964 [AIR 27/3121]

XL637	637	Britannia C.1	511 Sqn	'RRR6764' W/C B Brownlow
Routing Idris [Libya]-Boscombe Down, diverted into Valley, later departed to Boscombe Down.				

Thursday 17th December 1964 [BJ][AIR 27/2921]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	To & from Speke
WJ343	[343]	Hastings C.2	36 Sqn	Diversion S/L C A Austin
Diverted whilst enroute Luqa-Colerne, departed to Colerne same day.				

Friday 18th December 1964 [AIR 29/3506]

Based noted: Anson C.21 VV964 Valley Station Flight. Delivered to Marham Station Flight after the fitting of a new engine and rudder.				

Monday 19th December 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
'Santa Claus' flown to Llanbedr Airfield Christmas Party.				

Tuesday 20th December 1964 [AIR 27/2913]

WD491	[491]	Hastings C.2	24 Sqn	Diversion F/L D Pettinger
Diverted whilst enroute Luqa-Lyneham, departed to Lyneham same day.				

Wednesday 21st December 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
'Santa Claus' flown to Holyhead MCU [Marine Craft Unit] Christmas Party.				

Friday 23rd December 1964 [AIR 27/2911]

		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Stn Cdr, G/C R K Orrock plus Padre, S/L G W H Jones & photographer Mr A Lennie flown to the Skerries Lighthouse for a Xmas Party and Church service.				
XP347		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
CASEVAC Saughton Camp, Chester to RAF Cosford, patient Driver Samson [Army]				

Friday 30th December 1964 [AB 1965]

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Based noted:
Gnat T.1 XR531:34 4 FTS PD Warton.