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RAF Valley

Aircraft Movements

1965

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Additional 4 FTS movements.
Additional Unit movements: 115/204/206 Sqn.
Additional logbook movements.
Additional Gnat details by Mike Bursell.

SUMMARY

The English Electric aircraft were in connection with the construction of Wylfa.

Abbreviations

[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
NAS	Naval Air Squadron
OCU	Operational Conversion Unit
PD	Practice Diversion
RAFC	Royal Air Force College
RAFFC	Royal Air Force Flying College
RRE	Radar Research Establishment
Sqn	Squadron
TRW	Tactical Reconnaissance Wing [USAF]
TTF	Tanker Training Flight
UAS	University Air Squadron

Sunday 3rd January 1965 [BJ]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	From Speke
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Monday 4th January 1965 [AIR 27/2958][AIR 27/2936]

WJ338		Hastings C.2	97 Sqn	From Benson, F/L T H Stone
XH589	-	Victor B.1	57 Sqn	PD F/L A J Edwards

Tuesday 5th January 1965 [AIR 27/2960]

XL158	-	Victor B.2	100 Sqn	PD W/C W J Herrington
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Wednesday 6th January 1965 [BJ][AIR 27/2958][MB]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	To Speke
WJ338	[338]	Hastings C.2	97 Sqn	To Benson, see 4.1
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP504:04 4 FTS returned from Dunsfold, see 7.2.64				

Thursday 7th January 1965 [AIR 27/2968]

WJ947	K	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Michie TACAN calibration
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Friday 8th January 1965 [BJ][AIR 27/2968]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	From Speke
WJ947	K	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	From Shawbury MPN 11 calibration
After the calibration it departed back to Watton.				

Monday 11th January 1965 [AIR 29/3655]

XH561	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L M C Hempstead
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Tuesday 12th January 1965 [BJ]

G-ALZL	-	DH.114 Heron 1	EE Co	English Electric from & to Speke
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Thursday 14th January 1965 [AIR 29/3506][MB]

XR568	36	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	[AVIA 101/677]
Engine explosion and loss of power and vibration after take-off at 300ft. Low level circuit flown but engine failed on finals, crashed short of Runway 32. Wreck allocated to 71 MU 10.2.65 as 7874M for instructional use, scrapped 5.66. Photograph is incorrectly labelled 13.1.				



VAL RAF 944/ G 13 JAN 65 DAMAGED GNAT XR568

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Pilot	F/L	P Wilson	Ok
Pilot	F/L	M A Vickers	Ok

Monday 18th January 1965 [BAG 65/02][AIR 27/2911]

A visit to 5 MU Kemble revealed the following 'Yellowjacks' Gnats in storage:

XR986 XR987 XR992 XR994 XR995 plus 2 others.				
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XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Request to CASEVAC an injured seaman from Moelfre Lifeboat Station to Bangor Hospital. On arrival the seaman was not there but still on his boat the Swedish tanker 'Tostero.' Ship told to shine an identification light and seaman double winched onto helicopter and flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Tuesday 19th January 1965 [BJ][AIR 27/2976]

G-ASCS	-	Grumman Mallard	Ferranti	Speke-Northolt
XH671	-	Victor B.2	139 Sqn	PD F/L J B Mayhew

Thursday 21st January 1965 [AIR 27/2968]

WL685	S	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Pollock from Watton n/stop
After arrival it carried out TACAN & MPN 11 calibration.				

Friday 22nd January 1965 [AIR 27/2968]

WL685	S	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	To Watton
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Wednesday 27th January 1965 [AIR 29/3506][MB]

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AM Sir R L Atcherley [retired] & AVM P T Philpott visited, by air?				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS106:- 4 FTS delivery, to 4 FTS 28.1 as '36'				

Friday 29th January 1965 [AIR 27/3032]

Wales University Air Squadron were due to fly up from St Athan for night flying, but this was cancelled owing to the State mourning following the death of Sir Winston Churchill.				

February 1965 [AIR 27/2940]

		Wessex HC.2*	72 Sqn	
		Wessex HC.2*	72 Sqn	
*Mountain Flying Detachment. ORB mentions early February.				

Monday 1st February 1965 [AIR 27/2909][AIR 27/2907]

19 Sqn arrived from Leconfield for their MPC. MPC 1-15.2, 3 Firestreak missiles fired.				
		Lightning F.2	19 Sqn	MPC F/L Grainger
		Lightning F.2	19 Sqn	MPC F/L Wratten
XM269	-	Canberra B[I].8	16 Sqn	F/L Taylor
Routed: Salmsbury-Valley-Laarbruch.				

Tuesday 2nd February 1965 [AIR 27/2943][MB]

XH589	-	Victor B.1A	55 Sqn	PD W/C A J Houston
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS107:- 4 FTS delivery becoming '61'				

Monday 8th February 1965 [AIR 27/2926]

XH483	-	Vulcan B.1A	44 Sqn	PD F/O D J Parker
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Tuesday 9th February 1965 [AIR 27/2926][AIR 27/2968]

XH480	-	Vulcan B.1A	44 Sqn	PD S/L A R Wallace
WJ946	M	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Sandbach ILS calibration

Wednesday 10th February 1965 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR997:25 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 11.12.64				

Thursday 11th February 1965 [AIR 29/3655][AIR 27/2968]

XJ781	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L M C Hempstead
WJ945	H	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Sgt Nolan PAR calibration

Friday 12th February 1965 [AIR 27/3032]

		Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	
		Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	
From St Athan to fly students from UCNW, Bangor. [University College of North Wales] Flying limited to 1 day due to gale force winds.				

Monday 15th February 1965 [AIR 27/2909]

19 Sqn departed back to Leconfield post their MPC.				
		Lightning F.2	19 Sqn	To Leconfield
		Lightning F.2	19 Sqn	To Leconfield

Tuesday 16th February 1965 [AIR 27/2926][AIR 27/2960]

XH482	-	Vulcan B.1A	44 Sqn	PD F/O D J Parker
XL162	-	Victor B.2	100 Sqn	PD W/C W J Herrington

Wednesday 17th February 1965 [AIR 27/2968]

WL685	S	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Sandbach from Watton n/stop
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Thursday 18th February 1965 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2968]

WL685	S	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	ILS calibration then to Watton
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XP347		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Lilley
Search for a missing members off a sunken yacht, 2 survivors picked up near shore and				

taken to Bangor Hospital. Refuelled and continued searching for 2 people still reported as missing, informed later that 2 bodies had been recovered.

Friday 19th February 1965 [Air 27/2959]

WK144	-	Canberra B.2	98 Sqn	Diversion, F/L Lambert.
Daily Northern calibration run, diverted to Valley, and later departed back to Watton.				

Monday 22nd February 1965 [AIR 29/3655]

XJ782	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L D A Taylor
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Tuesday 23rd February 1965 [AIR 29/3655]

XH554	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L K S Gowers
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Wednesday 24th February 1965 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS108:[-] 4 FTS became '15' on 25.2				

Thursday 25th February 1965 [Air 27/2959]

WJ681	-	Canberra B.2	98 Sqn	Diversion, F/L W Lambert.
MATO 2 route, diverted to Valley. Departed back to Watton later same day.				

Friday 26th February 1965 [AIR 27/3032]

		Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	
		Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	
		Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	
From St Athan to fly students from UCNW, Bangor. Included night flying.				

Monday 29th February 1965 [AIR 27/2926]

XH479	-	Vulcan B.1A	44 Sqn	PD F/O D J Parker
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Monday 1st March 1965 [AIR 27/2943]

XH619	-	Victor B.1A	55 Sqn	PD F/L A D Stacey
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Tuesday 2nd March 1965 [Air 27/2959]

WK162	-	Canberra B.2	98 Sqn	Diversion, F/L R Tracy.
WH670	[E]	Canberra B.2	98 Sqn	Diversion, M/P S Tomlin.
Daily calibration run, Northern [WK162] & Southern [WH670], both diverted to Valley and later departed back to Watton.				

Wednesday 3rd March 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XJ426		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Seaman with acute appendicitis airlifted from MV 'Rolf' in Dulas Bay and flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Thursday 4th March 1965 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911][AIR 29/3655]

Heaviest snowfall in 10yrs, 4cms.				
XJ824	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD W/C J Gale
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XP347		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
CASEVAC from Newquay near Aberystwyth to Hospital, there was also a lady with complicated pregnancy, but she gave birth before the helicopter arrived. Refuelled at Llanbedr on return flight.				

Friday 5th March 1965 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2913]

WD485		Hastings C.2	24 Sqn	F/L R G Hawley
Routed: Abingdon-St Mawgan-Valley-Abingdon.				
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XP347		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
CASEVAC from Aberaeron to Aberystwyth with 2 female patients and a nurse.				

Sunday 8th March 1965 [Air 27/2959][GP]

XL638	638	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	'RRR6682' F/L K A Reeve.
From Wildenrath to Lyneham.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS100:57 4 FTS visited Leconfield.				

Tuesday 9th March 1965 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911][MB]

XR542	15	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	
Damaged beyond repair after forced landing due to engine failure. Wreck to 60 MU dump at Dishforth . 22 Sqn Whirlwind HAR.10 XP347 [F/L Scott] was scrambled at 17:04Z for this but not required. The aircraft crashed on the ridge .5nm short of the 14 threshold. Struck off charge 16.3.65				
Pilot	P/O	D B Ainge [86 Course]	Ejected ok.	
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Based noted: Vampire T.11 XD385 allocated to RAF Valley for crash/fire training.				

Wednesday 10th March 1965 [AIR 29/3655][IBCCA]

XJ823	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L M J Biggs
XL385	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD W/C J Gale
WF412	17	Varsity T.1	CFS	
From & to Little Rissington.				

Tuesday 16th March 1965 [GP]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP516:16 4 FTS visited Leconfield.				

Wednesday 17th March 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP347		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Lilley
Distress signals seen at sea, nothing seen. Later informed that the signals were from a yacht firing off old pyrotechnics.				

Thursday 18th March 1965 [AIR 29/3506]

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AOC-in-C Flying Training Command, AM Sir P Dunn, and AOC 23 Group, AVM P T Philpott visited, by air?				

Friday 19th March 1965 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911][AIR 29/3398]

XR391	-	Heron C.4	Queens Flt	'RRR1141' W/C Ringer
Mr B Millan MP, Under-Secretary of State for Defence visited. Met by the Senior Officers who arrived 18.3. From and to London.				
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XP347		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Scrambled for a precautionary landing at 16:09Z, aircraft landed safely.				

Tuesday 23rd March 1965 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR984:52 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 26.3				

Wednesday 24th March 1965 [Air 27/2959][AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911][MB]

WK145	-	Canberra B.2	98 Sqn	S/L P Shaw.
From Bishops Court, landed at Valley for T7 Radar calibration. Departed back to Bishops Court then Watton.				
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XR544	35	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	
Landed with all 3 undercarriage legs unlocked and extended to the airbrake position, this was as a result of a complete hydraulic failure and a loss of air pressure for the emergency lowering system. CAT.4R damage. 22 Sqn Whirlwind HAR.10 XP347 [F/S Mitchell] was scrambled for this at 14:38Z but not required. The aircraft was subsequently repaired from 5.7.65 at Bitteswell, returning to 4 FTS 22.11.66.				
Pilot	F/O	D R H McGregor		Ok

Friday 26th March 1965 [AIR 27/2923]

XH167	-	Canberra PR.9	39 Sqn	F/L W S Lenton
From Luqa at 12:05, departed to Bassingbourn at 14:30.				

Tuesday 30th March 1965 [AIR 29/3655]

XL385	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD W/C J Gale
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Wednesday 31st March 1965 [AIR 29/3655]

XJ823	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PF F/L M J Biggs
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Thursday 1st April 1965 [AIR 29/3655]

XJ823	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L M J Biggs
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Friday 2nd April 1965 [AIR 29/3655]

XH563	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD W/C J Gale
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Monday 5th April 1965 [SB][AIR 29/3506][AIR 29/3655]

XH563	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L J L Bates
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XR985	54	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	
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Damaged beyond repair after a forced landing due to engine malfunction at Valley.
 [Nose allocated 7886M 4.5.65, to Crash Rescue Training at RAF Valley. It then went to Little Rissington 6.5.65 for instructional duties arriving 12.5 Although allotted for firefighting at Valley on 25.10.65 it actually went to the 5 MU Apprentice School]

Pilot	F/O	D G Willis	Ok
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[Both: Steve Bond Collection]



[Dick Thomas Collection]

Tuesday 6th April 1965 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP510:10 4 FTS returned from Dunsfold, see 30.4.64				

Wednesday 7th April 1965 [AIR 27/2960]

XL162	-	Victor B.2	100 Sqn	PD F/L R M Prothero
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Friday 9th April 1965 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 29/3655]

XJ823	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD W/C J Gale
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XJ426		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
2 swimmers in difficulty off Porthdafarch, on arrival assistance not required, stood by until they were ashore.				

Monday 12th April 1965 [GP]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR569:08 4 FTS visited Leconfield.				

Tuesday 13th April 1965 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911][AIR 29/3655][MB]

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AVM R N Bateson visited to carry out Annual Inspection of Fighter Command Missile Practice Camp [FCMPC].				
XH554	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD W/C J Gale
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XJ426		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
5 people on a sandbank cut off by rising tide in Dee Estuary, recalled enroute as the people had been seen to board a boat.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR541:34 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 26.4				

Wednesday 14th April 1965 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP535 delivered from CFS ['102'] to 4 FTS becoming '54'				

Sunday 18th April 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XJ426		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
3 rescues. First, capsized dinghy near Penmon Point, dinghy located but occupants were back onboard and required no assistance. On landing from this sortie informed of a man waving a flag from a launch off Penmaenmawr. Located the launch and winchman lowered, tow by Lifeboat requested and passed on to Beaumaris Lifeboat, returned to Valley. Later an Officer from the Oberon Class RN submarine 'Opossum' was airlifted and taken to the Police at Bangor who took him to Bangor Railway station to catch the train to London to visit his dangerously ill son.				

Monday 19th April 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XJ426		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Youth aground in a dinghy, on arrival youth airlifted safely onto the beach.				

Thursday 22nd April 1965 [MC 2/79][AB AMIL96][AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911][MB]

		Gnat T.1	4 FTS	Landed at Mona
XR950	27	Gnat T.1**	4 FTS	

XS108	15	Gnat T.1*	4 FTS	
F/L Muraenid was leading 2 aircraft flown by solo students on a formation sortie. Whilst one of the students, P/O Priest was practicing a re-join he collided with the lead aircraft. The passenger in the lead aircraft F/L Tyler a QFI with Bristol UAS ejected but sustained 3 fractures of the left leg. F/L Mermagen was trapped in the aircraft and was killed on impact. The other aircraft involved XS108 returned to Valley damaged and attempted a wheels up landing but cartwheeled after landing and exploded killing P/O Priest. The third aircraft which was not involved in the mid-air landed safely at RAF Mona. 22 Sqn scrambled 2 aircraft, Whirlwind HAR.10 XJ426 [F/L Scott] which picked up the SMO and a fireman and proceeded to XS108, but the pilot F/O Priest was dead, the helicopter then flew to where F/L Tyler had ejected and joined a CFS helicopter in searching for him. XJ426 flew F/L Tyler to Bangor Hospital. The second 22 Sqn Whirlwind HAR.10 XP352 [F/S Mitchell] joined the search for F/L Mermagen but the SMO later confirmed that the pilot was dead in the wreckage. Other aircraft had joined in the search including an Anson, Shackleton and 2 CFS helicopters. XR950 had crashed near the Summerhill House Playground, Carmel. XS108 wreckage was removed to 60 MU at Dishforth.				
				
Whirlwind HAR.10 XP352 C Flt/22 Sqn is seen at its original dispersal at the NW corner. [Don Williams]				

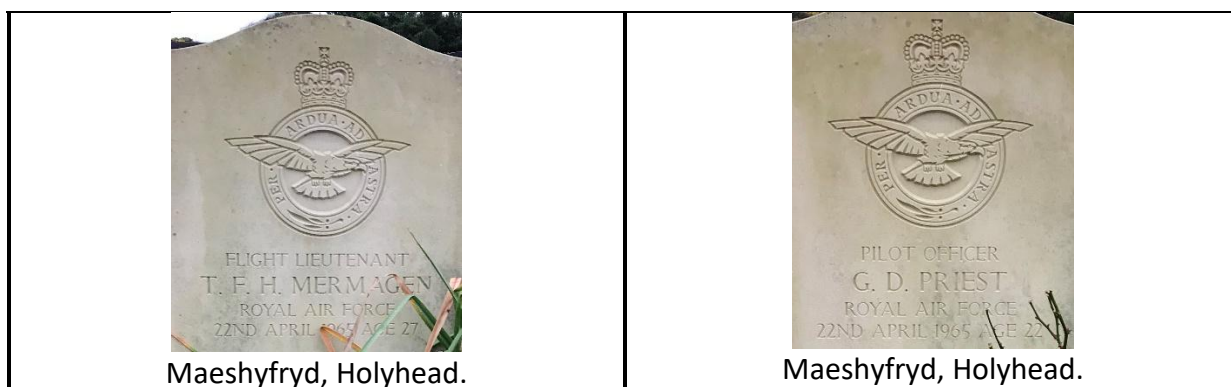


Wreckage of XR950 [Dick Thomas Collection]



Wreckage of XS108 removed to 60 MU dump at Dishforth. [Dick Thomas Collection]

Pilot	F/O	Gavin Darrell Priest*	Killed [buried Maeshyfyd]
Pilot	F/L	Timothy Francis Houghton Mermagen**	Killed [buried Maeshyfyd]
Pax	F/L	R C Tyler** [Bristol UAS]	Ejected but injured.



Friday 24th April 1965 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP534 delivery to 4 FTS from CFS [coded '101'] – became '15'				

Monday 26th April 1965 [AIR 27/3123]

XL443	-	Vulcan B.2	617 Sqn	PD F/L A J E Spain
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Tuesday 27th April 1965 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP536 delivered from CFS ['106'] to 4 FTS becoming '27'				

Wednesday 28th April 1965 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS110:- 4 FTS delivery becoming '62'				

Thursday 29th April 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise carried out with the Douglas, IoM Lifeboat, aircraft returned the following day, N/stop Ronaldsway?				

Friday 30th April 1965 [AIR 27/3212][AIR 27/2911]

WV704	[-]	Pembroke C.1	MCS	M/P Hollins.
Routed: Northolt-Valley-Lyneham-Northolt.				
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		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Flew to Liverpool docks to reconnoitre the landing zone on HMS Devonshire, this was in preparation for the pickup of Commander-in-Chief Plymouth Command, Adm Sir N Henderson on 1.5.65				

May 1965

XP750	U	Lightning F.3	AFDS	MPC
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Saturday 1st May 1965 [BJ][AIR 27/2911]

XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	To & from Speke
XJ426	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	To & from Speke
F/S Mitchell flew the C-in-C Plymouth, Sir N Henderson from HMS Devonshire to HMS Indefatigable, this may have been one of the above aircraft as HMS Devonshire was in Liverpool docks, see also 30.4 XP352 went unserviceable and XJ426 delivered spares for it.				

Sunday 2nd May 1965 [AIR 27/2909][AIR 27/2988]

19 Sqn arrived from Leconfield for their MPC.				
19 Sqn MPC 2-14.5				
		Lightning F.2	19 Sqn	MPC [F/L Pickersgill]
		Lightning F.2	19 Sqn	MPC [F/L Hopkins]
		Lightning F.2	19 Sqn	MPC [F/L Manning]
		Lightning F.2	19 Sqn	MPC [F/L Lane]
		Lightning F.2	19 Sqn	MPC [F/L Cutting]
WR985	T	Shackelton MR.3	206 Sqn	F/L Harman
Routed: St Mawgan-Valley-Machrihanish.				

Monday 3rd May 1965 [AIR 27/2961][AIR 29/3655]

XH475	-	Vulcan B.1A	101 Sqn	F/L H Wallbank
XJ823	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD W/C J Gale

Tuesday 4th May 1965 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR948:28 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R initially then CAT.2R back to 4 FTS.				

Wednesday 5th May 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XJ426		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
'MAYDAY' call from French ship, extensive search carried out, but nothing seen. Refuelled at Blackpool then returned to Valley.				

Saturday 8th May 1965 [AIR 27/3212]

VW197		Valetta C.1	MCS	F/L J Meaking from Northolt.
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Tuesday 11th May 1965 [AIR 29/3506]

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AOC 23 Group Annual Inspection by AVM P T Philpott, by air?				



Whirlwind HAR.10 XP331:W-T CFS detachment in the background.
[National Archives]

Thursday 13th May 1965 [AIR 27/2968][MB]

WL688	G	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Craig from Stornoway
TACAN calibration then Valley-Wittering-Watton.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP540:40 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 18.5				

Friday 14th May 1965 [AIR 27/3032][AIR 29/3655]

		Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	
From St Athan to fly students from UCNW, Bangor. Not particularly successful due to bad weather.				
XH563	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD W/C J Gale

Saturday 15th May 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XJ426		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Capsized canoe, 25min search but informed that survivors had drifted ashore safely.				

Sunday 16th May 1965 [BJ][AIR 27/2911]

		Chipmunk T.10	Woodvale?	'NHU16' visited Speke
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XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Lilley
Whilst on a training exercise a group of people were seen waving and pointing out to sea. Located a small boat drifting out to sea because of engine failure with 3 occupants onboard. 1 adult and 2 small children were airlifted onto the beach safely.				

Tuesday 18th May 1965 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/3212][AIR 29/4216][AIR 29/3398][AIR 29/3655]

VW197		Valetta C.1	MCS	F/L Meaking.
Home Secretary, Sir F Soskice landed on his way to the Police Conference at Llandudno.				

Possibly the Valetta which routed Northolt-Binbrook-Valley-Northolt.				
XR391	-	Heron C.4	Queens Flt	'RRR1194' S/L Dickson
From and to London.				
XH563	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD W/C J Gale

Wednesday 19th May 1965 [AIR 27/2984]

WL791	[V]	Shackleton MR.2	204 Sqn	F/L Turley from & to Ballykelly
WL791 was a 210 Sqn aircraft.				
WG555	N	Shackleton MR.2	204 Sqn	F/L Leppard from & to Ballykelly

Sunday 23rd May 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Capsized yacht, search carried out, but nothing seen. Later scrambled to a dinghy in difficulty, located dinghy but no sign of occupants after an extensive search. Search then called off due to bad light.				

Monday 24th May 1965 [BJ][AIR 29/3655]

G-ALZL	-	DH.114 Heron 1	EE Co	Speke-Leicester East
XH559	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L M J Biggs

Tuesday 25th May 1965 [AIR 29/3655]

XH563	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L K S Gowers
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Wednesday 26th May 1965 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP537 delivered from CFS ['100'] to 4 FTS becoming '07'				

Thursday 27th May 1965 [AIR 27/2907]

XM270	-	Canberra B[I].8	16 Sqn	F/L A Dawson from & to Laarbruch
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Friday 28th May 1965 [BJ][AIR 27/3123]

G-ARST	-	PA-22 Colt 108	Private	Speke-Wolverhampton
XM594	-	Vulcan B.2	617 Sqn	PD F/O J L J C Lebrun
XF418	[T]	Hunter T.7	[DFCS]	To Binbrook

Sunday 30th May 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Fishing ketch reported sinking off Fairbourne, on arrival the ketch was grounded on rocks, confirmed no casualties and assistance not required.				

Monday 31st May 1965 [MB]

Based noted:				

Gnat T.1 XR984:52 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 23.3.65

Tuesday 1st June 1965 [BJ]

G-ATCX	-	Cessna 182H	Private	From Speke, Westair Flying Services
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Wednesday 2nd June 1965 [BJ][AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2960][AIR 29/3655][AIR 27/2946]

WJ877		Canberra	51 Sqn	PD M/P Saunders
XL162	-	Victor B.2	100 Sqn	PD F/L A G Etteridge
XA900	-	Vulcan B.1	230 OCU	PD F/L D V Brice
XH563	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L K S Gowers
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XJ426		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Yacht in difficulty off Llanddwyn Point, located one small boat inshore, no assistance required.				
Based noted: Whirlwind HAR.10 XP352 C Flt/22 Sqn visited Speke.				

Thursday 3rd June 1965 [AIR 27/3212]

WV704	[-]	Pembroke C.1	MCS	M/P A P Archer
Routed: Northolt-Wroughton-Valley-Waddington-Northolt.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS109: [-] 4 FTS delivery, became '63' [XS109 was delivered to Little Rissington 7.5.65 for modifications pre-delivery to 4 FTS.]				

Friday 4th June 1965 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/3120]

XR134	134	Argosy C.1	267 Sqn	F/L L R Overy
Routed: Benson-Valley-Aldergrove-Turnhouse-Benson.				
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XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Swimmer in trouble, informed enroute that swimmer was now safe.				

Saturday 5th June 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Rowing boat in trouble with 2 occupants, located but no assistance required. Whilst returning noticed 2 frogmen in difficulty, both airlifted to Moelfre Coastguard Station. Re-checked the rowing boat which had now been safely beached. Additionally, called out to rescue a further 5 frogmen, see above, stranded by incoming tide, all 5 airlifted safely on to the beach.				

Sunday 6th June 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XJ426		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
4 people in the water from a capsized dinghy, nothing seen, informed by local Police that all were safe and well.				
XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett

Boat marooned on sandbank, after extensive search the sortie was abandoned.

Monday 7th June 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Red flares seen out to sea, after searching the area the helicopter was diverted to a second incident of a yacht on fire. Sunken vessel found and informed that the survivors had been rescued. Red flares later found to be fireworks let off by local youths. Later, a sea search was carried out for an overdue motor boat, nothing seen, later informed that boat had been safely located.				

Tuesday 8th June 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Lilley
Search for drifting boat out to sea, large area searched but nothing seen.				

Wednesday 9th June 1965 [AIR 27/3123][AIR 29/3655][AIR 27/2968]

XL387	-	Vulcan B.2	617 Sqn	PD F/L A G Box
XA900	-	Vulcan B.1	230 OCU	PD F/L M R M Bishop
WJ946	M	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Michie from Watton n/stop

Thursday 10th June 1965 [AIR 27/2924][AIR 27/2954][AIR 27/2968]

WR959	[G]	Shackleton MR.2	42 Sqn	Diversion, F/L W J Armstrong.
Radio trial with HMS Wakeful, diverted in to Valley 02:15 and departed back to St Mawgan at 12:30.				
XM594	-	Vulcan B.2	83 Sqn	PD F/L K P Murfitt
WJ946	M	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	To Gaydon

Friday 11th June 1965 [GP]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS107:[61] & XR983:53 4 FTS visited Leconfield.				

Saturday 12th June 1965 [AIR 27/2898][AIR 27/2967]

XP442	442	Argosy C.1	114 Sqn	'RRR4146' F/L C J Sills
Routed: Benson-Wildenrath-Geilenkirchen-Valley-Benson, 5 Sqn MPC support, see 13.6				

Sunday 13th June 1965 [AIR 27/2898]

5 Sqn arrived from Geilenkirchen for their MPC. 5 Sqn MPC 13.6-2.7, 5 Firestreak missiles fired. Weather at Valley assessed as abysmal!				
XH904	T	Javelin FAW.9	5 Sqn	MPC [S/L Haggerty & F/L Armiger]
		Javelin FAW.9	5 Sqn	MPC [F/L Carter & F/L Martin]
		Javelin FAW.9	5 Sqn	MPC [F/L Buckley & F/L Elsam]
		Javelin FAW.9	5 Sqn	MPC [F/L Gardner & F/L Cowap]

Tuesday 15th June 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Rhyl Coastguard reported 2 men clinging onto a capsized boat drifting towards Colwyn Bay. Both survivors were airlifted and landed on the beach safely, no medical or further assistance required.				

Wednesday 16th June 1965 [AIR 27/2954][AIR 27/3120]

XM572	-	Vulcan B.2	83 Sqn	PD F/L J E Tootell
XN853	853	Argosy C.1	267 Sqn	S/L R D Bates
XR136	136	Argosy C.1	267 Sqn	F/L I F Hutchinson
Both Argosies routed: Benson-Valley-West Freugh-Benson. They were involved in Exercise 'Flat Earth' which involved constructing an Airstrip.				

Friday 18th June 1965 [AIR 27/2926]

XA906	-	Vulcan B.1A	44 Sqn	PD F/L I J Hill
XH478	-	Vulcan B.1A	44 Sqn	PD F/L A Woodford

Sunday 20th June 1965 [AIR 29/3506][Pprune CharlieJuliet logbook*][AIR 27/2911]

Royal Observer Corps Western Area Open Day. 400 Members in attendance. Display in the afternoon.				
Static:				
		Canberra	[85 Sqn]	Binbrook
		Hunter	[229 OCU]	Chivenor
XP707	A	Lightning F.3	23 Sqn	Leuchars
WK654	[X]	Meteor F.8*	85 Sqn	Binbrook, arrived 18.6
		Whirlwind HAR.10	CFS	
Flying:				
		Gnat T.1	CFS	
		Javelin FAW.9	5 Sqn	MPC
		JP T.	[2 FTS]	Syerston
		JP T.	[7 FTS]	Church Fenton
		Lightning F.3	23 Sqn	Leuchars
		Meteor	CFS	
		Shackleton	201 Sqn	Kinloss
		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
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		Valetta C.	RAFC	Air Experience Flights
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XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Small dinghy in trouble, on arrival no assistance required. Noticed 2 frogmen signalling for assistance, double lift carried out on one of them and airlifted to beach.				

Wednesday 23rd June 1965 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911][AIR 29/4216][AIR 29/3398][MB]

XR486	-	Whirlwind HCC.12	Queens Flt	'RRR1142' S/L Kerr
Routed: Benson-Wrexham-Llysfas-Llandrillo-Pentrefoelas-Valley.				
XR487	-	Whirlwind HCC.12	Queens Flt	'RRR5220' Lt McLean
Routed: Benson-Shawbury-Vaenol-Plas Newydd-Valley.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP516:16 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 29.6 Gnat T.1 XP532:32 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 29.6 Gnat T.1 XR567:17 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 29.6				

Thursday 24th June 1965 [AIR 27/2898][AIR 29/4216][AIR 29/3398]

		[Javelin/Meteor ?]	5 Sqn	CO's visit to MPC, see 13.6.
XR486	-	Whirlwind HCC.12	Queens Flt	'RRR1142' S/L Kerr
Routed: Valley-Pentrefoelas-Llandudno-Colwyn Bay-Welshpool-Shawbury-Benson.				
XR487	-	Whirlwind HCC.12	Queens Flt	'RRR5220' Lt McLean
Routed: Valley-Llandudno-Colwyn Bay-Welshpool-Shawbury-Benson.				

Friday 25th June 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Blackpool Police reported small boat with 2 occupants missing, area searched in conjunction with Lifeboat, prior to arrival 1 survivor had swum ashore. Search continued for second survivor, but nothing found. Refuelled at Blackpool Airport before returning to Valley.				

Saturday 26th June 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XJ426		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Yacht reported in difficulties off Moelfre, on arrival the yacht was being towed by the Lifeboat, no assistance required. Later, report of a capsized yacht with a man onboard. Winchman carried out a double lift and survivor was landed safely onshore.				

Sunday 27th June 1965 [BJ]

G-ARHT	-	PA-22 Caribbean	Private	To Speke, Shropshire Flying Group
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Monday 28th June 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XJ426		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Man reported missing from a capsized boat, searched area but nothing seen. Informed by Police that the incident happened 2hrs before the call out, returned to Valley.				

Tuesday 29th June 1965 [AIR 27/2960][AIR 29/3655]

XH675	-	Victor B.2	100 Sqn	PD F/L D E Coleman
XH563	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L M C Hempstead

Wednesday 30th June 1965 [AIR 29/3655]

XH563	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L M J Biggs
XH537	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L M C Hempstead

Thursday 1st July 1965 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2913][AIR 27/2921][AIR 29/3655]

TG607		Hastings C.1	24 Sqn	F/L D Pettinger from Colerne
WJ339		Hastings C.2	36 Sqn	F/O P W Gowring from Colerne
XH537	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD W/C J Gale
XH537	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L M Woodward
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XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Rockets sighted out to sea near Rhosneigr, searched area and located 2 ships who were not in any trouble. Later confirmed that a missile had been fired in the area which is what was probably seen.				

Friday 2nd July 1965 [AIR 27/2895][AIR 27/2898][AIR 27/2911][MB]

5 Sqn departed back to Geilenkirchen post their MPC.				
		?x Javelin FAW.9	5 Sqn	To Geilenkirchen
TG607		Hastings C.1	24 Sqn	F/L D Pettinger
WJ339		Hastings C.2	36 Sqn	F/O P W Gowring
Both Hastings flew to and returned from Geilenkirchen returning 5 Sqn support and delivering 11 Sqn support to Valley. Both later departed back to Colerne.				
WL671	20	Varsity T.1	CFS	
Routed: Little Rissington-Baldonnell-Valley-Little Rissington.				
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XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Report of RAF Launch 1656 drifting in area of Carmel Head. Located launch and stood by as a second launch arrived.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP515:55 delivered to 4 FTS.				

Saturday 3rd July 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Man in difficulties with a yacht, on arrival no assistance required but stayed in the area until yacht was safely ashore.				

Sunday 4th July 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Swimmer reported missing, area searched but nothing seen. Then saw people on beach waving, landed to find survivor being given oxygen/CPR by local Doctor. Casualty airlifted to Bangor Hospital but confirmed dead there.				

Monday 5th July 1965 [AIR 27/2895][DW]

11 Sqn arrived from Geilenkirchen for their MPC. 11 Sqn MPC 5-17.7, completed 1 week earlier than planned. XH769 is in the MPC Course photo.				
XH769	N	Javelin FAW.9	11 Sqn	MPC [S/L Shelton & Sgt Williams]
XH898	D	Javelin FAW.9	11 Sqn	MPC [F/L Dixon & Sgt Evans]



The background would suggest landing on 01/02 in those days. [Don Williams]

		Javelin FAW.9	11 Sqn	MPC [F/L Brooks & Sgt Buckingham]
		Javelin FAW.9	11 Sqn	MPC [F/L Appleyard & F/L Smith]

Tuesday 6th July 1965 [AIR 27/2911][MB]

XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Assisted in search for a man missing since early morning, believed to have gone fishing on Great Orme, nothing seen.				
Gnat T.1 XP513:13 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 28.7				

Thursday 8th July 1965 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR954:30 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 21.7				

Friday 9th July 1965 [IBCCA]

WF325	18	Varsity T.1	CFS	
Routed: Little Rissington-Valley-Acklington-Little Rissington.				

Sunday 11th July 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Yacht overdue at Holyhead and last seen off the Middle Mouse, located yacht, and confirmed all was well and no assistance required, Coastguard informed.				

Monday 12th July 1965 [DF]

VP972	[-]	Devon C.1	RRE	From & to Pershore
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Wednesday 14th July 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Yacht reported overdue, searched area and yacht located with no assistance required.				

Thursday 15th July 1965 [AIR 27/3123][AIR 29/3655]

XL390	-	Vulcan B.2	617 Sqn	PD W/C D G L Heywood
XH556	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L M C Hempstead

Friday 16th July 1965 [AIR 27/2901]

XM597	-	Vulcan B.2	9 Sqn	PD F/L D Goodwin
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Saturday 17th July 1965 [AIR 27/2895]

11 Sqn departed back to Geilenkirchen post their MPC.				
XH769	N	Javelin FAW.9	11 Sqn	To Geilenkirchen
		?x Javelin FAW.9	11 Sqn	To Geilenkirchen

Sunday 18th July 1965 [Air 27/2959][AIR 27/2911]

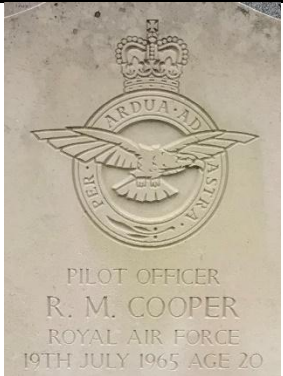
XL640	640	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	'RRR6640' F/L D W Ray
Routed: Lyneham-Valley-Geilenkirchen-Lyneham. 11 Sqn MPC support return, see 5.7.				
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XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Capsized dinghy at Ravenspoint, dinghy spotted but other boats in the area signalled all was well, returned to Valley.				

Monday 19th July 1965 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2968]

WF424	F	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Craig MPN 11 calibration
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XR543	55	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	
Crashed on finals into Lake Maelog whilst on approach to Runway 32. Sole occupant. 22 Sqn scrambled Whirlwind HAR.10 XP354 [F/L Scott] to this incident, the lake was searched, and a small boat sighted pulling the parachute in, helicopter then picked up the pilot's helmet and ejection seat. Landed at the Lakeside and transferred the body from the boat to the helicopter and flew it to Station Sick Quarters, Valley.				



One of the wings being salvaged. [Dick Thomas collection]

Student	P/O	Roger Maxwell Cooper [16 Course]	Killed [buried Maeshyfyd]
 Maeshyfyd, Holyhead.			

Tuesday 20th July 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
6 adults in a small boat reported in trouble with swirling tides. 6 swimmers sighted in area near old wreck, but no assistance required.				

Thursday 22nd July 1965 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2926]

		?x Gnat T.1	4 FTS	
A number of Gnats were involved in searching for the Pilot [J L Dell] and Observer [G Elkington] of Lightning T.4 XM966 BAC which lost its fin at Mach 2 and crashed into the Irish Sea 12nms of St. Bees Head, Cumberland. Whirlwind HAR.10 XP354 22 Sqn [F/L Scott] picked up the 2 survivors after homing in to a SARBE beacon and flew them to West Cumberland Hospital, Whitehaven.				

XH498	-	Vulcan B.1A	44 Sqn	PD F/L D J Parker
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XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Whilst returning from the above rescue the helicopter was diverted to Red Wharf Bay to search for a marooned person, on arrival the rescue had already been carried out. On leaving though, a body was sighted floating just under the surface, a small boat recovered the body and CPR administered, it was flown to Hospital but declared dead on arrival.				

Friday 23rd July 1965 [MB]

G/P R P Harding assumes command of the Station.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP540:40 repairs complete back to 4 FTS 24.7, see 13.5.65				

Monday 26th July 1965 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 29/3655]

XH537	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L K S Gowers
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XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Report of man drowning off Llandudno, false alarm.				
XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Swimmer in difficulty off Prestatyn, on arrival informed by local Police that the incident was 1hr old, searched for a further hour but nothing seen.				

Tuesday 27th July 1965 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2968]

WL636	D	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Purcell from Watton n/stop
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XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Airlifted survivor from beach suffering from shock after nearly drowning, flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Wednesday 28th July 1965 [AIR 27/2968]

WL636	D	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	ILS calibration then to Watton
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Friday 30th July 1965 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911][AIR 29/4216][AIR 29/3398][AIR 27/2968][MB]

WL636	D	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Purcell ILS calibration
XS789	-	Andover CC.2	Queens Flt	'RRR1196' W/C Ringer
HRH Princess Margaret & Lord Snowdon arrived to visit Sir M Duff's Vaenol Estate. Routed: Benson-London-Valley-Benson.				
XR486	-	Whirlwind HCC.12	Queens Flt	'RRR1198' Lt McLean
Routed: Benson-Shawbury-Valley-Vaenol-Valley-Vaenol-Valley.				
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XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Search for a missing 12yr old boy last seen swimming, area searched, and body found which				

was airlifted to local Police on the beach.

Based noted:

Gnat T.1 XP516:16 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 23.6.65 [re-categorised as CAT.2R]

Gnat T.1 XP532:32 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 23.6.65

Saturday 31st July 1965 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 29/4216][AIR 29/3398]

XR486	-	Whirlwind HCC.12	Queens Flt	'RRR1198' Lt McLean
Routed: Valley-Vaenol-Plas Newydd-Vaenol-Valley.				
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XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Land search for missing boy, on arrival informed boy was safe and well.				
XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
2 rescues. First, 2 young boys in trouble in a boat under the Menai suspension bridge, recalled enroute. Second, search carried out for overdue launch off Porthdinllaen, after search was abandoned due to bad light informed that the launch and occupants were safe and well at Trevor.				

Sunday 1st August 1965 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911][AIR 29/4216][AIR 29/3398][MB]

XR486	-	Whirlwind HCC.12	Queens Flt	'RRR1198' Lt McLean
Routed: Valley-Vaenol-Valley-Vaenol-Valley.				
XS789	-	Andover CC.2	Queens Flt	'RRR1196' W/C Ringer
HRH Princess Margaret & Lord Snowdon departed after attending the Anglesey Fete. Aircraft routed: Benson-Valley-London-Benson.				
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XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
2 sorties. First, capsized boat near Church Bay, survivor airlifted on to beach safely. Second, yacht in difficulties off Puffin Island, escorted yacht to safer water and assistance no longer required.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR541:34 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 13.4.65				

Monday 2nd August 1965 [AIR 29/4216][AIR 29/3398]

XR486	-	Whirlwind HCC.12	Queens Flt	'RRR1198' Lt McLean
Routed: Valley-Shawbury-Benson.				

Tuesday 3rd August 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Search for dinghy believed marooned at Carmel Head, dinghy located safely ashore, and no assistance required.				

Thursday 5th August 1965 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2968]

WL636	D	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Michie ILS calibration
WL688	G	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Lee from & to Watton
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XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Busy day with 3 sorties. Scrambled to a boat reported in trouble off Trevor. 5mins after getting airborne diverted to an emergency in Red Wharf Bay, on arrival the rescue had already been carried out. Then proceeded back to Trevor but received notification of an emergency at Rhosneigr, on arrival this rescue had also been carried out. Then continued to the original call out at Trevor, on arrival the Porthdinllaen Lifeboat had the dinghy under tow with the swimmers confirmed safe, returned to Valley.				

Friday 6th August 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Capsized dinghy off Rhosneigr, on arrival dinghy had been righted, stood by until it reached safety. Later scrambled to a capsized boat off Trearddur Bay, on arrival nothing seen until a further search revealed a group of people on the beach alongside the boat, no further assistance required.				
XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Boat in trouble on Harry Furlough's rock, on arrival boat sighted waterlogged in Cemlyn Bay, winchman lowered to beach, but no assistance required. Later, scrambled to a swimmer in distress off Mostyn towards Rhyl, search carried out, but nothing found. Informed later that Rhyl Police had recovered the bodies of 2 girls.				

Saturday 7th August 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Person clinging to a capsized boat off Rhosneigr, on arrival survivor was safely ashore and no assistance required.				

Monday 9th August 1965 [AIR 27/3212][AIR 27/2926]

WV704	[-]	Pembroke C.1	MCS	M/P A P Archer Northolt-Heathrow
XH505	-	Vulcan B.1A	44 Sqn	PD F/L I J Hill

Tuesday 10th August 1965 [AIR 27/2968]

WL691	N	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/S Merry ILS calibration n/stop
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Wednesday 11th August 1965 [AIR 27/2926][AIR 27/3123][AIR 27/2968]

XH532	-	Vulcan B.1A	44 Sqn	PD F/L T W Turnhill
XL319	-	Vulcan B.2	617 Sqn	PD F/L A G Box
WL691	N	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	To Wattisham

Thursday 12th August 1965 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 29/3655][GP]

XH555	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L J A G Jackson
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XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
2 boys adrift on a rubber tyre on the River Dovey, on arrival informed the boys had been missing 2:30hrs, nothing seen.				
Based noted:				

Gnat T.1 XP534:34 4 FTS visited Leconfield.

Friday 13th August 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Male swimmer in difficulty off Lligwy, on arrival landed and confirmed man was safe and well. On the return flight to Valley informed of a boat in distress off Barmouth, landed at Valley to refuel and then proceeded on task, on arrival found the Lifeboat had the distress vessel under tow, no assistance required.				
XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Swimmers in difficulty off Lligwy, on arrival landed on beach and informed they were safe and well. Later scramble to a report of a capsized yacht off Puffin Island, search found an airbed which was confirmed by Coastguard as the 'yacht.' Lastly, scrambled to find a boy missing from Rhosneigr Beach, on arrival informed boy had reached shore and was safe and well.				

Saturday 14th August 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
3 people clinging to an airbed, searched area but nothing seen, later informed all were safe and well.				

Sunday 15th August 1965 [AIR 27/2912]

23 Sqn arrived from Leuchars for their MPC.				
23 Sqn MPC 15-25.8, 1 st MPC since converting to the Lightning.				
		Lightning F.3	23 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.3	23 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.3	23 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.3	23 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.3	23 Sqn	MPC
[XM973]	Z	Lightning T.4	23 Sqn	MPC

Monday 16th August 1965 [AIR 27/2911][BAG 65/09]

G-ASFD	-	Morava	Private	From Halfpenny Green
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XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Person reported to have fallen off a cliff on the Great Orme, on arrival body seen by winchman and spot marked by very flares. Doctor picked up from Llandudno Hospital, but the man was pronounced dead at the scene. Body and Doctor transferred to ambulance.				

Tuesday 17th August 1965 [BJ]

G-ARGK	-	Cessna 210*	Private	
*To Ringway but diverted to Speke instead due to weather.				

Wednesday 18th August 1965 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 29/3655]

XA901	-	Vulcan B.1	230 OCU	PD F/L D V Brice
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XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
2 people in a dinghy in trouble, on arrival dinghy was capsized 300yds from shore, no signs of survivors, contacted Lifeboat who confirmed they were still missing. Police informed that the survivors were safe in a Hotel.				

Friday 20th August 1965 [AIR 27/2912][AIR 27/2911]

23 Sqn MPC 1x Firestreak fired [XM973:Z][F/L Kuun & AM Sir D Morris]				
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XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Dinghy drifting out to sea, on arrival dinghy and occupants safely ashore.				

Sunday 22nd August 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP352		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Boy swimmer in difficulty, searched area for 50mins but nothing seen.				

Monday 23rd August 1965 [AIR 29/3655]

XH555	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L M J Biggs
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Tuesday 24th August 1965 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2926]

XH505	-	Vulcan B.1A	44 Sqn	PD F/L T W Turnhill
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XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Yacht in difficulties, on arrival yacht was close inshore heading for anchorage point, escorted yacht in, no assistance required.				

Friday 27th August 1965 [AIR 27/2912]

23 Sqn MPC 1x Firestreak fired [Lightning F.3][F/L Dick]				

Saturday 28th August 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP353		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
3 people marooned on sandbank, on arrival nothing seen, checked with rescue boat who had been in visual contact with marooned party, jacket found in water, search called off. Whilst returning from this sortie a call was received that a boy was drifting out to sea on an airbed, false alarm.				
XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Scrambled to Blackpool area but no details, ordered to return to Valley by Preston ATC.				

Sunday 29th August 1965 [BJ][AIR 27/2911]

XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Martin visited Speke
Scrambled to assist in the recovery of a body in the Dee Estuary, then diverted to New				

Brighton to airlift 2 men who were being cut off by the incoming tide to Formby. Returned to the Dee Estuary but informed that the 'body' was in fact a tree trunk.

XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
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3 men in a boat drifting off Fairbourne, on arrival found Barmouth Lifeboat had taken the boat and survivors under tow, no assistance required.

Monday 30th August 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
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2 or 3 men clinging to a capsized boat at Black Rock Sands, on arrival 2 men airlifted to the beach and the dinghy marked with a flare for the Lifeboat.

XP353		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
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2 children reported stranded off Trearddur Bay, on arrival informed they were safely ashore.

Tuesday 31st August 1965 [AIR 27/2912][AIR 27/2911]

23 Sqn MPC

1x Firestreak fired [Lightning F.3][S/L McLeod]

1x Firestreak fired [Lightning F.3][F/L Love]

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XP353		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
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Liverpool Pilot found a fishing dinghy with no one onboard, whilst searching informed that the dinghy had broken its moorings and owner was ashore.

Wednesday 1st September 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP353		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
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Search for 2 yachts capsized off Rhos Point, on arrival nothing seen, false alarm.

XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
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Boy reported lost between Nantlle and Rhyd Ddu, informed boy had been found safe and well.

XP353		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
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Canoe reported in difficulties off Lligwy beach, nothing seen possible false alarm.

Thursday 2nd September 1965 [AIR 27/2911][@MAR 10/22][AIR 27/2968][MB]

WL688	G	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	M/P Moss
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From Saxa Vord for TACAN calibration then departed to Watton.

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XP353		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
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Gnat T.1 with a flamed-out engine, landed safely, this was XS102:58 [F/L R B Lloyd]

Based noted:

Gnat T.1 XP512:12 XR983:53 noted at Fairford.

XP509:09 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 22.9

Friday 3rd September 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP353		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
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Boat reported capsized off Abersoch with 2 occupants, on arrival sighted Lifeboat, no

assistance required. Later informed survivors were safely ashore. Later scrambled for 2 boys cut off by the tide at Red Wharf Bay, on arrival airlifted both to Benllech safely.

Saturday 4th September 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
3 people missing from a boat off Barmouth, helicopter unable to get there due to low cloud, tried again later landing at Llanbedr and then Barmouth but nothing seen, search called off.				

Sunday 5th September 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Search for boat missing off Malltraeth Sands, on arrival boat located and 5 occupants were safe waiting for the next tide, no assistance required. However, informed by Coastguard that the next tide would be insufficient to re-float the vessel. Returned to the boat and airlifted 3 occupants off leaving 2 onboard who preferred to stay put.				

Monday 6th September 1965 [AB AMIL96][AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911]

XR979	45	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	
Crashed during a formation stream take-off at Valley when the gear & flaps were raised too early. Skidded off the Runway and caught fire. Whirlwind HAR.10 XP354 22 Sqn [F/L Scott] was scrambled for this incident but no assistance was required. Struck off charge 9.9				
Pilot	P/O	Wolff	Ejected, ok	

Wednesday 8th September 1965 [AIR 29/3655]

XH555	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L K S Gowers
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Thursday 9th September 1965 [AIR 29/3506]

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AOA FTC, AVM R B Thompson visited, by air?				

Friday 10th September 1965 [AB Dig65][AIR 27/2968]

N7256D	-	PA-22 Tri Pacer	Private	To Dublin
WL636	D	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/O Brackenborough
From & to Watton.				

Sunday 12th September 1965 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2958]

92 Sqn arrived from Leconfield for their MPC.				
92 Sqn MPC 12-27.9				
[XN728]	[B]	Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC [F/L Bruce]
[XN732]	[H]	Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC [F/L Holdway]
[XN735]	[A]	Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC [F/L Denny]
[XN793]	[K]	Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC [F/O Aylward]
		Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC [F/O Bowler]
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XP353		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott

Person cut off by the tide on the Dee Estuary, within 3nms of scene recalled as the person had been rescued by the Police.

Monday 13th September 1965 [DW][AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2968]

WL692	P	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Sandbach ILS calibration
		4x JP T.4	6 FTS	Displayed
		?		
AOC 18 Group, AVM K V Garside visited, by air?				
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XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Boy reported missing between Rhoscolyn and Rhosneigr, took off at night and searched the beach with the aid of a searchlight, located boy and dog, navigator was lowered and as the boy was in state of shock, they were both taken onboard and flown to RAF Valley.				

Tuesday 14th September 1965 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR977:46 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 19.6.64				

Thursday 16th September 1965 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 29/3655]

XA900	-	Vulcan B.1	230 OCU	PD F/L M R M Bishop
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XP353		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
4 youths on rocks cut off from the mainland, crewman lowered but youths refused assistance until the tide started to rise, then airlifted to the beach.				

Friday 17th September 1965 [BJ][AIR 27/3212]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2	Private	From Speke
WB531		Devon C.2	MCS	M/P A Dixon
VIP, Fred Mulley MP, visited TERA, Ty Croes. From and to Northolt.				

Saturday 18th September 1965 [AIR 29/3506][AB Digest]

Battle of Britain Day Flypasts carried out at St Athan/Colerne/Cottesmore/Tern Hill by 4 aircraft. Gnats displayed statically at St Athan/Colerne/Acklington/Finningley/Biggin Hill/Waddington				
Gnat T.1 XP532:32 4 FTS St Athan, static. Gnat T.1 XS100:57 4 FTS Biggin Hill, static. Gnat T.1 XP510 :10 4 FTS Acklington. Gnat T.1 XP540 :40 4 FTS Colerne. Gnat T.1 XR951:26 4 FTS Finningley. Gnat T.1 XS110:62 4 FTS Waddington. [Photo: MAP R17390]				
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XN728	B	Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC

XN732	H	Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC
XN735	A	Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC
XN793	K	Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC photoship ?

AM 5 Lightning aircraft were flown to Lyneham.
PM The 5 gave displays at Abingdon, St Athan and Colerne.
Later departed back to Valley.



Seen flying East to West through the Llanberis Pass.
[Taken from a Gnat or Lightning T.4 ?]
[unknown]



Although dated May 1966 this is most probably 1965 with the same 5-ship at Valley.
[Cyril Jones collection]

Sunday 19th September 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Search for missing child in area SW of Conwy, child located in hills and taken to Llandudno Hospital.				

Monday 20th September 1965 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2958][AIR 29/3655][SB][AIR 27/2968][MB]

92 Sqn no range sorties.				
XG831	396:CU	Gannet AS.6	831 NAS	W Nicol-Gent & Lt Moverley
Departed to Ballykelly.				
XA901	-	Vulcan B.1	230 OCU	PD F/L M R M Bishop
WL692	P	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/S Merry ILS calibration
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XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
2 men clinging to a capsized canoe, on arrival both airlifted to Salt Island.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR955:43 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by CWP from 28.9				

Tuesday 21st September 1965 [AIR 27/2958]

92 Sqn MPC no range sorties.				
XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Martin

Wednesday 22nd September 1965 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2958]

92 Sqn MPC no range sorties.				
XP353		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
Female swimmer in difficulty off Red Wharf Bay, on arrival nothing seen but informed the woman was at the Ship Inn, taken onboard and flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Thursday 23rd September 1965 [AIR 27/2958]

92 Sqn MPC 3x Firestreaks fired by Lightning F.2's chased by the T.4*				
[XM995]	[T]	Lightning T.4*	92 Sqn	W/C Gilbert from Leconfield
*Used as a photochase for 3 missile firings.				

Friday 24th September 1965 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2958]

92 Sqn MPC 1x Firestreak fired [Lightning F.2] A number [4 or 5] diverted to Llanbedr due to weather at Valley.				
		?x Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	Diversion to Llanbedr, see below.
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		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
W/C Gilbert, OC 92 Sqn and 4 other pilots from 92 were flown from Llanbedr to Valley after diverting there due to weather conditions at Valley.				

Saturday 25th September 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Huggett
2 men reported stranded in marshes at Neston, on arrival found them up to their waists in water. They were duck shooting and after confirmation were left there.				

Monday 27th September 1965 [AIR 27/2958][AIR 29/3655]

92 Sqn MPC
1x Firestreak fired [Lightning F.2]
92 Sqn departed back to Leconfield post their MPC.



3 of the Lightnings seen departing on 14. [Cyril Jones collection]

		?x Lightning	92 Sqn	To Leconfield
XA901	-	Vulcan B.1	230 OCU	PD F/L D V Brice

Thursday 30th September 1965 [AIR 27/2924][AIR 27/2968]

WR955	[C]	Shackleton MR.2	42 Sqn	W/C R A Carson.
Routed: St Mawgan-Shawbury-Valley-Coltishall-St Mawgan				
WL622	R	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Mlejnecky CPN 4 calibration

October 1965 [RD]

Based noted:				
Gnat T.1 XR538:01 4 FTS visited Little Rissington. Seen on the Little Rissington visitors pan with CFS Meteor T.7 WH166:27 behind. [Ray Deacon]				

Sunday 3rd October 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Search for F/L Peet from RAF Ternhill, overdue from sub aqua diving. Search commenced from Dulas Bay to Benllech, car found unlocked, so car was locked, and keys handed over to the Police, nothing else seen.				

Monday 4th October 1965 [AIR 27/2911][MB]

XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Further search for F/L Peet, nothing seen, see 3.10				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP509:09 4 FTS repairs complete, back to 4 FTS see 2.9.65				

Tuesday 5th October 1965 [AIR 29/3655]

XH563	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L P M Woodward
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Friday 8th October 1965 [AIR 27/3032]

		Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	
		Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	
From St Athan to fly students from UCNW, Bangor. Departed 10.10 back to St Athan.				

Sunday 10th October 1965 [AIR 27/2967][AIR 27/2911]

111 Sqn arrived from Wattisham for their MPC. 111 Sqn MPC 10.10, 2 week MPC, 5 Firestreak missiles fired.				
		Lightning	111 Sqn	MPC [S/L Mitchell]
		Lightning	111 Sqn	MPC [F/L Carr-White]
		Lightning	111 Sqn	MPC [F/L Creigh]
		Lightning	111 Sqn	MPC [F/L Betterton]
		Lightning	111 Sqn	MPC [F/L Horsley]
		Lightning	111 Sqn	MPC [F/O Perreaux]
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XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
CASEVAC of climbers off Snowdon. Senior Medical Officer picked up and located scene of accident. 1 climber pronounced dead at the scene and airlifted to Llanberis.				

Monday 11th October 1965 [AIR 27/2907][MB]

WT340	-	Canberra B[I].8	16 Sqn	F/L Willey From & to Laarbruch
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR954:30 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 8.7.65				

Tuesday 12th October 1965 [BJ][AIR 27/3212][AIR 27/2968]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2	Private	From Speke
WJ504		Valetta C.2	MCS	S/L E J Denham Strubby-Ballykelly
WJ947	K	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Sandbach from Machrihanish

Wednesday 13th October 1965 [AIR 27/2968]

WJ947	K	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	CPN 4 calibration then to Watton
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Thursday 14th October 1965 [AIR 27/3121]

XL636	636	Britannia C.1	511 Sqn	'RRR6760' F/L R M Smith
Routing El Adem-Valley, to Lyneham ?				

Friday 15th October 1965 [AIR 29/3655]

XJ780	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L K S Gowers
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Sunday 17th October 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP353		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Rockets seen near Puffin Island, nothing seen, presume they were fireworks. Then believed that some divers were missing near Puffin Island, search carried out, but nothing seen.				

Tuesday 19th October 1965 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 29/3681][AIR 27/2968]

XH614	-	Victor K.1A	TTF	PD F/L R J Russell
		?		
AOC 23 Group, AVM M D Lyne arrived for Gnat conversion course, by air?				
WL692	P	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	F/L Walker ILS calibration

Wednesday 20th October 1965 [AIR 29/3655]

XH559	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L D A Taylor
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Thursday 21st October 1965 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP508:21 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 26.10 [it was then re-assessed as CAT.4R 22.12.65 and taken by road to Bitteswell arriving by 1.66]				

Friday 22nd October 1965 [BJ][AIR 27/2959][AIR 27/2968]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2	Private	From Speke
XL640	640	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	Diversion, 'RRR6798' F/L A J Bell.
Diverted whilst en-route El Adem-Lyneham. Later departed to Lyneham.				
WJ946	M	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	Sgt Nolan CPN 4 calibration

Monday 25th October 1965 [AIR 29/3655][@MAR 3/23][AIR 4/213]

XA900	-	Vulcan B.1	230 OCU	PD F/L D V Brice
XH558	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L M C Hempstead
XM705	[91]	Gnat T.1	HQ FTC	Hall, from & to Fairford
WL671	20	Varsity T.1	CFS	
Routed: Little Rissington-Valley-Ternhill-Little Rissington.				

Tuesday 26th October 1965 [BJ][AIR 29/3655]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2	Private	From Speke
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XA900	-	Vulcan B.1	230 OCU	PD F/L M R M Bishop
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Wednesday 27th October 1965 [BJ][AIR 27/2911]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2	Private	From Speke
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XP353		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
3 Army canoeists in trouble N of Towyn, on arrival survivors were on the beach, crewman gave assistance with oxygen equipment and 2 of the survivors plus an Army Medical Officer were flown to Aberystwyth and a waiting ambulance. Refuelled at Llanbedr on return to Valley.				

Thursday 28th October 1965 [Pprune Bill Macgillivray logbook*]

WP900	[W]	Chipmunk T.10*	BUAS	NAVEX from Shawbury
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Sunday 31st October 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
Boat in difficulty off Bangor, recalled as boat reported safe.				

November 1965 [BAG 12/65]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 4 FTS XP534:15 XP536:37 XS104:44 XP535:54 XP515:55 XS105:60 Whirlwind HAR.10 C Flt/22 Sqn XP354 XP355				
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Monday 1st November 1965 [BJ][AIR 27/2911]

XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'ZULU49' F/S Mitchell
Man marooned on sandbank, on arrival man refused help, diverted to Speke due to high headwinds, n/stop.				

Tuesday 2nd November 1965 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2911][AIR 29/3655]

		?		
AOC 23 Group visited, by air?				
XH558	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L M J Biggs
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XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Helicopter reported crashed unknown distance from Valley, located crashed helicopter with a CFS helicopter in attendance, landed but advised no assistance required.				

Wednesday 3rd November 1965 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2	EE Co	From Speke
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Thursday 4th November 1965 [BJ]

G-ASTD	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	From Speke
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Friday 5th November 1965 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2	EE Co	From Speke
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Sunday 7th November 1965 [AIR 27/2935]

56 Sqn arrived with 6 aircraft from Wattisham for their MPC. [arrived in poor weather] 56 Sqn MPC 7- [delays were encountered due to crosswinds at Llanbedr] 4 out of 5 missiles fired.				
XP747	L	Lightning F.3	56 Sqn	MPC [in the Course photograph]
		Lightning F.3	56 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.3	56 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.3	56 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.3	56 Sqn	MPC
[XM989]	[X]	Lightning T.4	56 Sqn	MPC

Monday 8th November 1965 [AIR 27/2940]

		Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
Airlifted a Whirlwind HAR.10 to Valley from 4nms away. The Whirlwind had been stripped down for airlifting.				

Tuesday 9th November 1965 [AIR 29/3655][AIR 29/3681]

XA901	-	Vulcan B.1	230 OCU	PD S/L H McMaster
XH589	-	Victor K.1A	TTF	PD S/L D Mobberley

Wednesday 10th November 1965 [DF][AIR 29/3681]

XT661	-	Viscount	RRE	From & to Pershore
XH589	-	Victor K.1A	TTF	PD F/L D Gates

Thursday 11th November 1965 [AIR 27/3212][AIR 29/3655][AIR 27/2935]

56 Sqn MPC AM 1x Firestreak fired [F/L Law] PM no firings due to Jindivik cancelling.				
VP958	[-]	Devon C.1	MCS	M/P A Dixon from & to Northolt
XH554	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD F/L D A Taylor

Friday 12th November 1965 [AIR 27/3032][AIR 29/3681][AIR 27/2935]

56 Sqn MPC AM 1x Firestreak fired [F/L Holmes]				
XH589	-	Victor K.1A	TTF	PD S/L A W Fraser
		Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	
		Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	
		Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	

From St Athan to fly students from UCNW, Bangor. Returned to St Athan 14.11.
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Sunday 14th November 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP353		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Search for a child who may have fallen into Holyhead harbour, search commenced but recalled as child had been found safe.				

Tuesday 16th November 1965 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2	EE Co	From Speke
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Wednesday 17th November 1965 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP531 delivered from CFS to 4 FTS becoming '45'				

Friday 19th November 1965 [AIR 27/2935]

56 Sqn MPC 3 rd missile fired [F/L Taylor]				

Monday 22nd November 1965 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP500:50 4 FTS suffered CAT.3R damage, repaired on site by 71 MU from 22.11 [returned to 4 FTS after repairs either 18 or 21.3.1966]				

Tuesday 23rd November 1965 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2	EE Co	From Speke
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Wednesday 24th November 1965 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2935]

56 Sqn MPC 5 th & last Firestreak fired [F/L Carrey] [the Sqn ORB mentions the 17 th day of the Detachment so today or 23 or 25.11 ?]				
XP353		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
Dutch vessel in distress off Lytham St Anne's, on arrival given co-ordinates 315deg/9nms from Formby then 5353N 00306W then corrected to 5343N, landed Weston for refuelling, and then found vessel in no danger being escorted by Lifeboat.				

Thursday 25th November 1965 [AIR 29/3506]

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AOC 18 Group, AVM Johnstone visited, by air?				

Saturday 27th November 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP354		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
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Scrambled to boat 'Meta' but diverted to Bardsey Island to MV 'Havlyn' [Oslo] vessel was listing slightly but no immediate danger, returned to Valley to refuel.

XP353		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/S Mitchell
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To Dutch boat 'Meta' 10nms E of Point Lynas but forced to return due to hail and snow storms. On the return diverted to MV 'Havlyn' that was listing 45deg to port, escorted ship to 200yds off the coast where the Lifeboat remained in attendance.

Monday 30th November 1965 [AIR 27/2926]

XH476	-	Vulcan B.1A	44 Sqn	PD W/C M A D'Arcy
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Wednesday 1st December 1965 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2	EE Co	From Speke
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Monday 6th December 1965 [AIR 27/2907]

XM274	-	Canberra B[I].8	16 Sqn	F/L Pearce from & to Laarbruch
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Thursday 9th December 1965 [AIR 29/3506][MB]

No Gnat flying carried out on 4 days between 9-31.12.65 due to bad weather.

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Visit of Colonel Debeche, Commandant Belgian Air Force Flying Training departing 10.12.65, by air.

Based noted:

Gnat T.1 XR955:43 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 20.9.65

Friday 10th December 1965 [AIR 27/2911][MB]

XP353		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Scott
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Capsized dinghy near Queensferry bridge, on arrival nothing seen. Also scrambled for an aircraft reported crashed into the sea near Hilbre Island.

Based noted:

Gnat T.1 XR537:37 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 15.12

Sunday 12th December 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

XP353		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Marshall
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70yr old man stranded on the summit of Snowdon, followed railway track to the bottom of the cloud base, casualty was located and brought to the aircraft by stretcher and flown to Bangor Hospital. Later scrambled to 2 men cut off by the tide in the Dee Estuary, recalled enroute as not required.

Tuesday 14th December 1965 [BJ][AIR 27/2911]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2	EE Co	From Speke
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XP353		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
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Climbing incident at Eriscoed Cwmffynon, on arrival 2 CFS helicopters in attendance, assistance not required.

Wednesday 15th December 1965 [AIR 27/2915]

XL387	-	Vulcan B.2	27 Sqn	PD F/L J H A Adams
Bomb bay fuel tank trial.				

Thursday 16th December 1965 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 4/218]

XP641	34	JP T.4	2 FTS	Clayton/Beckley
NAVEX from & to Syerston.				
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		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Simulated mountain rescue on Holyhead Mountain for the BBC.				

Friday 17th December 1965 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2	EE Co	From Speke
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Sunday 19th December 1965 [BJ]

	-	Chipmunk T.10	[Woodvale]	'KPU02' to Speke
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Monday 20th December 1965 [AIR 27/2924][AIR 27/2911]

WR955	[C]	Shackleton MR.2	42 Sqn	F/L Eggleton from & to St Mawgan
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XP353		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Weaver
Injured man on Dutch vessel 'Goob Gulf,' seaman with head injuries taken off Point Lynas Pilot boat and flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Tuesday 21st December 1965 [AIR 27/2911][AIR 27/2960]

XL158	-	Victor B.2	100 Sqn	PD F/L A M Goodman
		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
'Top cover' provided for a service vehicle carrying wages from a bank in Holyhead to RAF Valley.				
		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Valley Station 'Santa' flown to the Officers Mess.				

Tuesday 22nd December 1965 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2	EE Co	From Speke
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Wednesday 23rd December 1965 [AIR 27/2911]

		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Stn Cdr, G/C R P Harding, Padre G Lewis and 2 photographers flown to the Skerries Lighthouse for the Xmas hamper presentation.				

Wednesday 30th December 1965 [AIR 29/3506][AIR 27/2943]

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AOC 23 Group, AVM M D Lyne paid an informal visit, by air?				

XH647	-	Victor B[K].1A	55 Sqn	PD F/L B E James
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