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RAF Valley

Aircraft Movements

1967

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Additional Unit movements: 204 Sqn.
Additional Gnat details by Mike Bursell.

SUMMARY

Hunter aircraft were introduced at Valley for those trainee pilots who couldn't fit into the Gnat and for Foreign pilots converting on to the Hunter.

Abbreviations

AAC	Army Air Corps
A&AEE	Aeroplane & Armament Experimental Establishment
AEF	Air Experience Flight
AFWF	Advanced Fixed Wing Flight
ANS	Air Navigation School

ARWF	Advanced Rotary Wing Flight
[F]BW	[Fighter] Bomber Wing [USAF]
CAACU	Civilian Anti-Aircraft Co-operation Unit
CAFU	Civil Aviation Flying Unit
CASEVAC	Casualty Evacuation
CAW	College of Air Warfare
CCCF	Coastal Command Communications Flight
CFS	Central Flying School
CN&CS	Central Navigation & Control School
ECM	Electronic Counter Measures
ETPS	Empire Test Pilots School
FCCS	Fighter Command Communications Squadron
FCTU	Fighter Command Trials Unit
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
MU	Maintenance Unit
NAS	Naval Air Squadron
NCS	Northern Communications Squadron
OCU	Operational Conversion Unit
PD	Practice Diversion
QRA	Quick Reaction Alert [aircraft scramble]
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

1967 [BAG 3/67][AIR 29/3796]

Hunter F.6 & T.7 was introduced with 3 Sqn, 4 FTS. Training Foreign Students and RAF Trainees unable to physically fit into the Gnat T.1.	
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Tuesday 3rd January 1967 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Wednesday 4th January 1967 [BJ][MB][AIR 29/3796]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	To Speke
Based noted: Hunter F.6 XG190:70 from 5 MU Kemble for 4 FTS – became '70' 1st Hunter delivery. XG190 was flown twice in January.				

Thursday 5th January 1967 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP533:33 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 6.1 Gnat T.1 XS100:57 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired by CWP contract.				

Monday 9th January 1967 [Pprune MAINJAFAD][AIR 29/3988]

FCTU [Fighter Command Trials Unit] arrived from Binbrook for Red Top Service trials. FCTU MPC 9.1-9.2 with 'U' & 'W' in Course photo. At the time, the unit was also operating 2 F.1A's XM137:Y & XM164:Z. 3 aircraft arrived 9.1 with one more on 11.1 & 13.1, 5 missiles were fired in total. The first 3 days of February were lost due to cross winds at Valley and Llanbedr.				
		Lightning F.1A	FCTU	MPC S/L J E Vickery
[XR752]	[V]	Lightning F.6	FCTU	MPC Maj W H Beardsley [USAF]
[XR753]	[U]	Lightning F.6	FCTU	MPC F/L A M Robb
[XR766]	[W]	Lightning F.6	FCTU	MPC F/L P J Ginger
[XR767]	[S]	Lightning F.6	FCTU	MPC F/L R W Turbin

Tuesday 10th January 1967 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Wednesday 11th January 1967 [AIR 29/3681]

XH594	-	Victor B.1A	TTF	PD F/L R J Russell
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Thursday 12th January 1967 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Saturday 14th January 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Ridge
Search for a woman in the Garndolbenmaen area who had been missing since 11.1 nothing seen.				

Wednesday 18th January 1967 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Thursday 19th January 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise carried out with Holyhead Lifeboat.				

Friday 20th January 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

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AOC 19 Group, AVM Lapsley visited, by air ?				
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XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Boat reported on fire 1nm off the Airfield, on arrival no assistance required, boat just making a great deal of smoke.				

Monday 23rd January 1967

[WJ697]		Canberra		
Routed: Binbrook-Warton-Valley-Binbrook.				

Tuesday 31st January 1967 [BJ][@MAR 06/16][MB]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR569 delivered from CFS to 4 FTS becoming '08' Gnat T.1 XP534:15 & XP516:16 4 FTS both visited Chivenor, dayglo/silver scheme.				

Wednesday 1st February 1967 [BJ][AIR 27/3039][AIR 27/3140][MB]

Exercise Kinsman dispersal from Waddington.				
XH475	-	Vulcan B.1A	101 Sqn	S/L Bird landed 18:35
G-ASMD	-	Cessna 310D	Private	From Speke, Pye Aviation
G-ASYV	-	Cessna 310G	Private	From Speke, Williams Air Charter
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XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Smith
Alerted by Valley ATC whilst on a training sortie. Refuelled and proceeded with SMO [Station Medical Officer] to OS 108/175526 for a reported helicopter crash. Area searched for 30mins along with a helicopter from Ternhill. Later confirmed by an Army Officer that he'd been releasing flares in the area to recall his troops.				
Based noted: Hunter F.6 XF384 from 5 MU Kemble to 4 FTS – became '72' Hunter F.6 XG274 from 5 MU Kemble to 4 FTS – became '71'				

Thursday 2nd February 1967 [AIR 27/3140]

XH475	-	Vulcan B.1A	101 Sqn	To Waddington 12:00, see 1.2
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Friday 3rd February 1967 [AIR 27/3082]

XB284	H	Beverley C.1	47 Sqn	F/L J Wyllie
Routed: Abingdon-Valley-Waddington-Abingdon, Exercise Kinsman return support.				

Saturday 4th February 1967 [AIR 27/3136][AIR 27/3051][AIR 27/3099]

29 Sqn arrived from Akrotiri, Cyprus for their MPC. 29 Sqn MPC 4-25.2, only 1 missile fired out of a planned 5 due to bad weather.				
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Routed: Akrotiri-El Adem-Sigonella-Istres-Valley.				
29 Sqn subsequently converted to Lightnings with the Javelins flying back to the UK 4.67				
XH762	F	Javelin FAW.9R	29 Sqn	MPC W/C R Neil
XH889	H	Javelin FAW.9R	29 Sqn	MPC S/L P Wilson
XH891	R	Javelin FAW.9R	29 Sqn	MPC F/L P Morgan
XH873	A	Javelin FAW.9R	29 Sqn	MPC F/L P Mallett
XH894	E	Javelin FAW.9R	29 Sqn	MPC F/L D Freeston
XH886	J	Javelin FAW.9R	29 Sqn	MPC F/L W Moxon
TG524	[524]	Hastings C.1	70 Sqn	F/L M J Mercer
Routed: Sigonella-Istres-Valley, 29 Sqn MPC support.				
XN404	404	Britannia C.2	99 Sqn	'RRR6401' S/L R L Lamb
Routed: Akrotiri-Valley-Lyneham, 29 Sqn MPC support.				

Tuesday 7th February 1967 [BJ][@MAR 06/16][AIR 27/3039][MB]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Mr J R Starr and D G James flown on Met Trials Simulation at Ty Croes range.				
XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/L Weaver
CASEVAC from Aberystwyth to Cardiff with a patient [Mr D Palmer, Haverfordwest], nurse and theatre technician, due to weight issues the winchman was left at Aberystwyth and picked up on the return.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP514:14 4 FTS visited Chivenor. Gnat T.1 XR535:05 4 FTS to Bitteswell for CAT.4 repairs, see 3.12.66 Hunter T.7 XL609 delivered from 5 MU Kemble to 4 FTS becoming '80'				

Wednesday 8th February 1967 [DF][AIR 27/3051][MB]

29 Sqn MPC				
Range qualification sorties flown by [XH762/891/873/894/886] see 4.2 for codes.				
WK163	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	From Pershore
Trials with the new F-4 Phantom Infra-Red Line Scan system, flew a night sortie from Valley.				
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL622 from 5 MU Kemble delivery to 4 FTS becoming '81'				

Thursday 9th February 1967 [DF][AIR 27/3051][AIR 27/3099]

29 Sqn MPC				
Range sorties flown by [XH889/891/873/886]				
WK163	-	Canberra B.2*	RRE	To Pershore
WG788	-	Canberra B.2*	RRE	From Pershore
*Buccaneer systems trials. Flew a night sortie from Valley.				
TG524	[524]	Hastings C.1	70 Sqn	To Akrotiri, see 4.2
Although it arrived 4.2 the departure was delayed due to the illness of 4 crew members.				

Friday 10th February 1967 [DF]

29 Sqn MPC Range sorties flown [XH889/891/873/894/886]				
WG788	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	To Pershore, see 9.2

Monday 13th February 1967 [AIR 27/3051][AIR 27/3039]

29 Sqn MPC Range sorties [XH889/891/873/894/886]				
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XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Weaver
CASEVAC 1 airman from Stanley Hospital, Holyhead to RAF Cosford Hospital. Refuelled at Ternhill on the return flight.				

Tuesday 14th February 1967 [BJ][AIR 27/3039]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise carried out with Porthdinllaen Lifeboat.				

Wednesday 15th February 1967 [Prune snakecharmer Father's logbook*]

XA936	-	Victor B[K].1*	214 Sqn	PD from Marham
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Friday 17th February 1967 [AIR 27/3051]

29 Sqn MPC Range sorties [XH762/891/873/894/886]				

Tuesday 21st February 1967 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Wednesday 22nd February 1967 [AIR 27/3051]

29 Sqn MPC Range sorties [XH762/891/873/894/889]				

Saturday 25th February 1967 [AIR 27/3198][AIR 27/3051][AIR 27/3099]

29 Sqn departed back to Akrotiri; Cyprus post their MPC. Routed: Valley-Istres-Sigonella-El Adem-Akrotiri.				
XH889	H	Javelin FAW.9R	29 Sqn	Departed
XH762	F	Javelin FAW.9R	29 Sqn	Departed
XH891	R	Javelin FAW.9R	29 Sqn	Departed
XH873	A	Javelin FAW.9R	29 Sqn	Departed
XH894	E	Javelin FAW.9R	29 Sqn	Departed
XH886	J	Javelin FAW.9R	29 Sqn	Departed

XM519	519	Britannia C.1	511 Sqn	'RRR6402' F/L P Stephenson
Routed: Lyneham-Valley-Akrotiri, Cyprus, support at the end of 29 Sqn MPC.				
WD489	[489]	Hastings C.2	70 Sqn	F/L D Smith
Routed: Lyneham-Valley-Sigonella, 29 Sqn MPC return support.				

March 1967 [SG]

Based noted:				
Between Mar-Aug 1967 Steve Gyles flew the following Gnats during training.				
XR538:01 XP503:03 XP504:04 XP506:06 XP537:07 XP512:12 XP513:13 XP514:14 XP534:15				
XP516:16 XR567:17 XR572:19 XR573:20 XP508:21 XR571:23 XR574:24 XR997:25 XP536:27				
XR953:29 XP532:32 XP533:33 XP539:39 XP540:40 XS104:44 XP531:45 XR998:47 XR980:48				
XR981:49 XP500:50 XR982:51 XR983:53 XP535:54 XP515:55 XR999:56 XS100:57 XS102:58				
XS103:59 XS105:60 XS107:61 XS110:62 XP530:64				

Thursday 2nd March 1967 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Friday 3rd March 1967 [BJ][AIR 27/3039][AIR 27/3213][AIR 27/3152]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
VP965		Devon C.2	MCS	'RRR5290'
G/C Newman, W/C Stephenson, and Mr Williams visited from HQ Coastal Command. Routed: Northolt-Stansted-Valley-Northolt, arrived 11:45 & departed 14:30.				
WR983	U	Shackelton MR.3	120 Sqn	F/L B Morton
Routed: St Mawgan-Valley-Kinloss.				

Saturday 4th March 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Ridge
Rubber dinghy off Trearddur Bay, located semi-submerged but trapped in rocks, no sign of people around.				

Monday 6th March 1967 [AIR 27/3039][AIR 27/3213]

VP965		Devon C.2	MCS	'RRR5292'
Routed: Northolt-Valley-Stansted-Northolt, arrived 10:00 & departed 10:40.				
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XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Sgt Jones
3 men missing whilst rock climbing near North Stack, all 3 sighted at 06:53 climbing up the rocks, winchman informed no assistance required.				

Tuesday 7th March 1967 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Wednesday 8th March 1967 [BJ][MB]

8-15.3.67 FCTU [Fighter Command Trials Unit] Red Top trials.				
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BUT not known if they deployed to FCMPC at Valley.				
G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL591 delivery from 5 MU Kemble to 4 FTS becoming '82'				

Thursday 9th March 1967 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	To Speke
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Monday 13th March 1967 [BJ]

EI-API	-	Hughes 269B	Private	From Speke, Transworld Helos
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Tuesday 14th March 1967 [BJ][@MAR 06/16]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP535:54 4 FTS visited Chivenor.				

Wednesday 15th March 1967 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR983:53 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 7.10.66 Gnat T.1 XS100:57 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 5.1.67				

Thursday 16th March 1967 [AIR 27/3039][MB]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Photographic survey of the South Stack area carried out for future reference for cliff emergencies.				
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL600 delivery from 5 MU Kemble to 4 FTS becoming '83'				

Tuesday 21st March 1967 [BJ][MB]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR538:01 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 14.11.66				

Wednesday 22nd March 1967 [BJ][AIR 27/3039][AIR 29/3681]

XA940	-	Victor K.1A	TTF	PD S/L J W Allen
Tanker Training Flight.				
G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Sgt Jones
CASEVAC [F/O Harrop & SAC Roberts] from Bangor Hospital to Wroughton Hospital. A Staff Nurse Hughes from Bangor accompanied the flight and thus due to weight issues the winchman was not taken. Aircraft refuelled on the return at Lyneham.				
Based noted:				

Gnat T.1 XP514:14 4 FTS tyre burst on landing, left the runway.

Thursday 23rd March 1967 [BJ]

G-ARGL	-	PA-22 Tri-Pacer 160	Private	From Speke, IoM Flying Club
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Saturday 25th March 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Sgt Jones
Dinghy in distress between Menai Bridge and St George's hostel, nothing seen, possibly a false alarm.				

Tuesday 28th March 1967 [ManAS*]

G-ASBH	-	Airedale*	Private	Shoreham-Manchester-Valley
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Wednesday 29th March 1967 [BJ][AIR 27/3039][MB]

XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
4 children cut off by the tide in the Dee Estuary. After searching this was classed as a false alarm. Whilst enroute back to Valley the aircraft was diverted to search for a man who had fallen into the sea at Seaforth. Area searched in company with a lifeboat, but nothing seen. Refuelled at Speke before returning to Valley.				
Based noted: Hunter F.6 XF509 from 5 MU Kemble for 4 FTS – became '73' Hunter T.7 XL567 from 5 MU Kemble for 4 FTS – became '84'				

Thursday 30th March 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Ridge
4 boys cut off by the tide on rocks at Trearddur Bay, 5 boys located and winched to safety.				

April 1967 [AIR 29/3796]

1 st Hunter Course begins with 3 Sqn/4 FTS 6 Students on No. 32 Course.				

April 1967 [AIR 29/3796][MAS][Gerry Manning][AIR 29/3988]

MPC 2-21.4 the Sqn was visited on 19.4 & 20.4 by FCTU [S/L N D Want]. 2 Red Tops & 2 Firestreak missiles fired. First Sqn Red Top firings. 74 Sqn eventually moved to Tengah, Singapore where their future MPC's were carried out using parachute flares.				
XR768	A	Lightning F.6	74 Sqn	MPC
XR770	C	Lightning F.6	74 Sqn	MPC
XR772	E	Lightning F.6	74 Sqn	MPC
XR773	F	Lightning F.6	74 Sqn	MPC
XS895	H	Lightning F.6	74 Sqn	MPC
XS921	M	Lightning F.6	74 Sqn	MPC
MPC 74 Sqn launched a 4 ship on the day. 74 Sqn fired 2 Red Tops & 2 Firestreak Missiles.				
XP619	40	JP T.4	2 FTS	

WW594	11	Hunter FR.10	229 OCU	
XE596	13	Hunter FR.10	229 OCU	
VP957	-	Devon C.1	[WCS]	
		Anson		
XA107	681:LM	Sea Vampire T.22	Stn Flt	From Lossiemouth, Station Flight.
Based Noted: Gnat T.1 30 Gnats noted outside including XR572:19 which flew. Hunter F.6 4 FTS XG190:70 XG274:71 XF384:72 Hunter T.7 4 FTS XL609:80 XL591:82 XL600:83 Fire Dump: Valetta T.3 WJ479:N Vampire T.11 ? cockpit & forward fuselage. Meteor F.8 [WA824 ?] by the Tower				

Sunday 2nd April 1967 [AIR 27/3102]

74 Sqn arrived from Leuchars for their MPC. The 74 Sqn MPC was disturbed by Cornish Fishing vessels on the Aberporth firing range having been displaced from Cornwall's coast with the sinking of the Torrey Canyon, she had been aground since 18.3 and was bombed by the RN and RAF on 28.3				
XR768	A	Lightning F.6	74 Sqn	MPC
XR770	C	Lightning F.6	74 Sqn	MPC
XR772	E	Lightning F.6	74 Sqn	MPC
XR773	F	Lightning F.6	74 Sqn	MPC
XS895	H	Lightning F.6	74 Sqn	MPC
XS921	M	Lightning F.6	74 Sqn	MPC

Tuesday 4th April 1967 [BJ][@MAR 07/16]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL622:81 4 FTS visited Chivenor grey/dayglo.				

Wednesday 5th April 1967 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	To Speke
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Friday 7th April 1967 [IBCCA]

WJ949	19	Varsity T.1	CFS	F/L Coombes
From & to Little Rissington.				

Saturday 8th April 1967 [AIR 27/3039][AIR 27/3039]

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S/L Henessey & F/L Pearson visited from HQ Coastal Command, by air ?				
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XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Ridge
Boat in trouble off Moelfre, winchman lowered down. Crew informed they had been holed and taking on a lot of water. Aircraft remained on scene until the Lifeboat arrived and took the boat under tow.				

Sunday 9th April 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Duty crew carried out a search along the Menai Straits for a woman's handbag. This was a Police request to assist in a murder case.				

Monday 10th April 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Casualty on Snowdon, on arrival nothing seen. Continued search until failing light and fuel necessitated a return to Valley. Later informed that the survivor had been rescued just prior to the helicopter arrival.				

Wednesday 12th April 1967 [BJ][AIR 29/3796][AIR 27/3102][AIR 27/3196][MB]

74 Sqn MPC 1x missile fired [F.6][F/O Freize]				
WH740	[K]	Canberra T.17	360 Sqn	Diversion at 12:00
G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
		?x Gnat T.1	Red Arrows	
Detached until 14.4 due to bad weather at Kemble. [In 1967 the Red Arrows were operating: XR540 XR986 XR987 XR992 XR993 XR994 XR995 XR996 XS111]				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP533:33 repairs complete and back to 4 FTS 13.4 – see 5.1.67				

Thursday 13th April 1967 [DF][@MAR 07/16]

XT661	-	Viscount	RRE	Circuits
Training, 5 touch & go's from and to Pershore.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR569:05 4 FTS visited Chivenor.				

Friday 14th April 1967 [Pprune snakecharmer Father's logbook*]

XA936	-	Victor B.1A*	214 Sqn	PD from Marham
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Monday 17th April 1967 [@MAR 07/16]

Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL567:84 4 FTS visited Chivenor, dayglo/grey scheme.				

Tuesday 18th April 1967 [BJ][@MAR 07/16][MB]

G-ASXF	-	Brantly 305	Private	To Speke
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G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR571:23 4 FTS visited Chivenor. Hunter F.6 XG185 from 5 MU Kemble, delivered to 4 FTS – becoming '74'				
				
XG185 is seen here at Leconfield in the early 1970's in the early colour scheme. [Derek Hemingway via Damian Smyth]				

Wednesday 19th April 1967 [BJ][@MAR 07/16][AIR 27/3102][AIR 27/3039][AIR 27/3039]

74 Sqn MPC 1x missile fired [F.6][F/L Mullan]				
G-ANOV	-	DH.104 Dove 6	CAFU	From Speke
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AOC 19 Group, AVM Lapsley carried out the annual inspection of 22 Sqn, arrive by air ?				
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XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Sgt Jones
Mr Finlay of Rhosneigr reported a person in difficulty on Lake Maelog. Double lift carried out on a member of the WRAC and landed onshore.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP539:39 4 FTS visited Chivenor.				

Thursday 20th April 1967 [@MAR 07/16]

Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL600:83 4 FTS visited Chivenor, grey/dayglo scheme.				

Saturday 22nd April 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Sgt Jones
Search for a dinghy 7hrs overdue at Beaumaris from Puffin Island, nothing seen.				
XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Sgt Jones
CASEVAC from Birmingham Airport to Stoke Mandeville Hospital, aircraft night stopped at Stoke Mandeville.				

Sunday 23rd April 1967 [AIR 27/3011]

5 Sqn arrived from Binbrook for their MPC. 5 Sqn MPC 23.4-9.5, fired 5 missiles in 2 weeks, plus W/C Winship attended.				
XS894	[F]	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC [S/L M Macdermid]
		Lightning	5 Sqn	MPC [Capt J V Barr, USAF]
		Lightning	5 Sqn	MPC [F/L H Frick]
		Lightning	5 Sqn	MPC [F/O C J M Wilcock]
		Lightning	5 Sqn	MPC [F/O Gordon-Johnson]

Monday 24th April 1967 [AIR 27/3136]

XM498	498	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	'RRR6011' S/L R L Lamb
Diversion on Andrews AFB-Lyneham leg.				

Tuesday 25th April 1967 [AIR 27/3136][AIR 27/3041]

*Scrambled from Leuchars to Aberporth Range. *1x Firestreak fired. *Observed by the AOC, also quoted as 26.4				
		Lightning [F.6]*	23 Sqn	F/O M P Donaldson
XM498	498	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	To Lyneham, see 24.4

Wednesday 26th April 1967 [BJ][@MAR 07/16][AIR 27/3039]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/L Ridge
Report of a helicopter crash in the Frodsham area, nothing seen. Refuelled at Speke.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP534:15 4 FTS visited Chivenor.				

Thursday 27th April 1967 [BJ][DF]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	To Speke
		Chipmunk T.10	[Woodvale]	'KPU04' to Speke
WJ992	-	Canberra T.4	RRE	From Pershore, N/stop

Friday 28th April 1967 [BJ][Pprune CharlieJuliet logbook*][DF][AIR 29/3796]

5 Sqn MPC				
XS894	[F]	Lightning F.6*	5 Sqn	MPC
WJ992	-	Canberra T.4	RRE	To Pershore
	-	Chipmunk T.10	[Woodvale]	'KPU04' to Speke

Sunday 30th April 1967 [BJ][AIR 27/3039]

	-	Chipmunk T.10	[Woodvale]	'ANB10' to Speke
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XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Ridge
Boat on fire off Llanbedr, smoke seen on arrival, but all was well. Winchman was lowered to the 'Welsh Lady' and was informed the boat had engine problems and had fired smoke				

distress flares; no further assistance required.
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May 1967 [AIR 29/3796]

Aerobatic displays given at: Church Fenton/Hucknall/Lakenheath/Upper Heyford/Topcliffe.				

Tuesday 2nd May 1967 [AIR 27/3011][AIR 27/3039][AIR 29/3681][MB]

5 Sqn MPC 1x missile fired [F.6][Capt Barr, USAF]				
XH647	-	Victor K.1A	TTF	PD S/L J W Allen
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XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Reports of a crashed aircraft off Hilbre Island, aircraft recalled as the aircraft was an amphibian under Preston ATC control.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP508:21 re-delivered from Bitteswell post repairs, see 21.10.65				

Wednesday 3rd May 1967 [BJ][Fred Butcher logbook*][AIR 27/3011]

5 Sqn MPC 1x missile fired [F.6][F/L J Allison]				
G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
XH375	-	Heron CC.3*	27 MU	

Thursday 4th May 1967 [BAG 6/67][AIR 27/3039]

XT482	Q:CU	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Range trials carried out for Ministry of Technology at Aberporth Range.				
Based noted: Hunter F.6 4 FTS XG274:71 XF384:72 XF509:73 Hunter T.7 4 FTS XL609:80 XL591:82 XL600:83 XL567:84				

Friday 5th May 1967 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
G-ATYF	-	PA-30 Comanche	Private	To Speke, London Aviation

Sunday 7th May 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Weaver
Capsized speedboat 1nm off Pwllheli, on arrival the boat was being towed by a rescue boat.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR951:26 4 FTS Lakenheath Air Day.				

Wednesday 10th May 1967 [AB Dig67][BJ][ManAS*]

XV268	-	Beaver AL.1*	AFWF/AAC	To Manchester
XT137	[D]	Sioux AH.1	[ARWF]/AAC	To Staverton
XT813	[X]	Sioux AH.1	[ARWF]/AAC	To Staverton
G-APZE	-	PA-23 Apache 160	Private	From Speke, AA
G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
10-24.5, FCTU [Fighter Command Trials Unit] for Red Top trials. Were they based at FCMPC, Valley though?				

Thursday 11th May 1967 [AIR 29/3796]

		?		
Visit by MP's, by air?				

Friday 12th May 1967 [BJ][AIR 29/3796][AIR 27/3011][AIR 27/3039]

5 Sqn returned to Binbrook post their MPC.				
		?x Lightning	5 Sqn	To Binbrook
G-ANAN	-	DH.104 Dove 1B	Private	To Speke, Morton Air Services
		?		
Edward Heath from Hawarden to visit Wylfa Power Station.				
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XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Ridge
CASEVAC Valley to RAF Cosford.				

Saturday 13th May 1967 [AB Dig67]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS110:62 4 FTS Upper Heyford Airshow.				

Tuesday 16th May 1967 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Friday 19th May 1967 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
WP929	[C]	Chipmunk T.10	Woodvale	'KPU04' to Speke

Saturday 20th May 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Weaver
Capsized boat off Rhyl, on arrival searched with Lifeboat but informed that it was a previously known wreck.				
XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Ridge
Capsized yacht .5nm off Holyhead, yacht located with 2 occupants in the water, no assistance required.				

Sunday 21st May 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise carried out with the Territorial Army in Snowdonia. Involved refuelling away from base plus casualty evacuation.				
XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Ridge
Capsized boat .5nm off Penmaenmawr, located with broken mast under power making for harbour.				

Monday 22nd May 1967 [BJ][AIR 27/3039][AIR 4/222]

XP579	44	JP T.4	3 FTS	F/L Bobrowski
Dropped off G/C Allan at Valley.				
G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Weaver
Reported drowning Trearddur Bay. On arrival an ambulance and a lobster boat were in the vicinity, quick search revealed nothing, so aircraft landed to question locals. Established that the man from the lobster boat had been brought ashore by his daughter who raised the emergency to assist her father who was ill, both were eventually found safe at home.				

Tuesday 23rd May 1967 [AIR 29/3796][AIR 29/3681]

1 st Rehearsal for the Royal visit flypast.				
		?		
AOC 23 Group, AVM M D Lyne visited, by air?				
XH615	-	Victor K.1A	TTF	PD F/L R J Russell

Thursday 25th May 1967 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Friday 26th May 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Sgt Jones
Dinghy between Abersoch and St Tudwal's Island. On arrival informed by Abersoch Lifeboat that the occupants were safely ashore.				

Saturday 27th May 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise carried out with Beaumaris and Holyhead Lifeboats in Holyhead Harbour as part of the RNLI/Sea Scouts 'splash' day.				

Monday 29th May 1967 [AB Dig67]

Based noted: Hunter F.6 XF509:73 4 FTS Church Fenton Airshow.				

Tuesday 30th May 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Weaver
Weak distress call on emergency frequencies 121.5/243.0, scrambled in anticipation. Recalled after Preston ATC informed that the aircraft in distress had landed at West Freugh.				

Wednesday 31st May 1967 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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June 1967 [AIR 29/3796]

Based noted: 4 FTS displays at: Debden/Rochester/South Marsden/Swansea [10.6] Gnat static display: Oakington				

Thursday 1st June 1967 [BJ]

G-ATBN	-	PA-28 Cherokee 140	Private	From Speke, Gregory Air Services
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Friday 2nd June 1967 [BJ][Fred Butcher logbook*][@MAR 08/16]

G-AMFU	-	DH.104 Dove 6	Scottish Avn	From Speke
WW397	[P-B]	Provost T.1*	27 MU	From Shawbury
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL567:84 4 FTS visited Chivenor.				

Saturday 3rd June 1967 [BJ]

El-AOK	-	Cessna F172G	Private	From Speke, Irish Aero Club
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Tuesday 6th June 1967 [BJ][AIR 29/3796]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
		?		
Swiss Air Force mission visit, by air?				

Wednesday 7th June 1967 [AIR 27/3213]

VX580	580	Valetta C.2	MCS	'RRR5454'
Routed: Northolt-Valley-Leeming-Northolt, arrived 14:25 & departed 14:50.				

Thursday 8th June 1967 [BJ][AIR 27/3039][anon]

XP557	72	JP T.4	RAFC	
WF120	618:LM	Sea Prince T.1	750 NAS	
WR987	D	Shackleton MR.3	203 Sqn	
WK520	A	Chipmunk T.10	Bristol UAS	
WP838	B	Chipmunk T.10	Bristol UAS	
WG420	C	Chipmunk T.10	Bristol UAS	
WP835	D	Chipmunk T.10	Bristol UAS	
WK610	E	Chipmunk T.10	Bristol UAS	

WB573	[B]	Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	
WM738	659:LM	Sea Prince T.1	750 NAS	
XR499	A	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XR987	-	Gnat T.1	Red Arrows	
G-ARGK	-	Cessna 210	Private	
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XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'BAZ50' visited Speke
Exercise with Liverpool Fire Brigade involving winching 4 firemen on to the deck of a Fire Tug.				

8.6.67 1 red top fired unit?

Friday 9th June 1967 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR571:23 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 14.6				

Saturday 10th June 1967 [AB Dig67][AIR 27/3039]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
During Rhyl Festival Week an exercise was carried out with Rhyl Lifeboat. Whilst enroute to Rhyl the aircraft was diverted to rescue 3 boys who had gone paddling but had been cut off by the tide.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS110:62 4 FTS Swansea Airshow.				

Sunday 11th June 1967 [anon]

G-ARNV	-	Procaer F15B Picchio	Private	
G-ATGF	-	MS892A Rallye	Private	
Based noted: Hunter F.6 XG185:74 4 FTS Whirlwind HAR.10 XP350 C Flt/22 Sqn				

Monday 12th June 1967 [BJ][anon]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
G-ARCU	-	PA-22	Private	
G-AROC	-	Cessna 175B	Private	
XS220	47	JP T.4	3 FTS	
XR659	55	JP T.4	6 FTS	F/L Sinclair from & to Acklington
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL622:81 4 FTS				

Tuesday 13th June 1967 [AIR 29/3796][anon]

XS766	-	Basset CC.1	NCS	
Visit by AOC-in-C HQ Flying Training Command, ACM Sir J Davis & AOC 23 Group, AVM M D				

Lyne, by air?				
XS781	-	Basset CC.1	NCS	
XP574	45	JP T.4	3 FTS	
G-ASBH	-	Beagle Airedale	Private	
G-ASJR	-	Cessna 182F	Private	
XS731	J	Dominie T.1	1 ANS	
XA116	796:BY	Sea Vampire T.22	Brawdy SF	

Wednesday 14th June 1967 [BJ][AIR 29/4216][AIR 29/3977][anon]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
XR391	-	Heron C.4	Queens Flt	'KITTY3' S/L Dickson
From Benson, positioning flight, see 15.6				
EI-AOK	-	Cessna F172G	Private	
F-BGMR	-	MS230	Private	
F-BNMB	-	Luciole	Private	
XP852		Scout AH.1	/AAC	
WH166	[27]	Meteor T.7	CFS	
WT532	[-]	Canberra PR.7	31 Sqn	
XS903	A	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	
XM468	10	JP T.3	6 FTS	
G-AVGM	-	Cessna 150	Private	
G-ASLO	-	Brantly B.2B	Private	
WV733	-	Pembroke C.1	21 Sqn	

Thursday 15th June 1967 [ManAS*][AIR 29/3796][AIR 29/3977][AIR 27/3213][anon]

XR391	-	Heron C.4	Queens Flt	'RAINBOW' to Manchester
HRH Duke of Edinburgh visit. SAR demonstration by 22 Sqn Whirlwind HAR.10 Also included a solo Gnat display and a flypast of 16 Gnats & 4 Hunters. The final flypast was a Gnat formation 'E' led by S/L D F Moffat.				



[Dick Thomas Collection]



SAR demonstration in front of the ATC Tower. [Both: National Archives]

G-AMFU	-	DH.104 Dove 6	Scottish Avn	
G-ASIU	-	Queen Air	Private	
G-AVHY	-	RF-4D	Private	
XS178	99	JP T.4	RAFC	
XP556	71	JP T.4	RAFC	
XP583	87	JP T.4	RAFC	
G-ARCM	-	Cessna 172B	Private	
XS768	-	Basset CC.1	NCS	
XL602	687:LM	Hunter T.8	764 NAS	
WV743		Pembroke C.1	MCS	
Routed: Northolt-Valley-Northolt, arrived 12:10 & departed 13:10.				
XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Man in boat 2hrs overdue at Llanbedrog, boat with engine failure and only one car found				

5nms S of Abersoch. Double lift carried out and survivor landed back at Llanbedrog.

14.6.67 1 red top fired unit - Valley?

Friday 16th June 1967 [BJ][anon][IBCCA]

G-ARYR	-	PA-28 Cherokee	Private	To Speke
XR499	A	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XR526	H	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XT673	Y	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XT670	U	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XS678	K	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XT669	T	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XT675	Z	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XV268	[-]	Beaver AL.1	AFWF/AAC	
WJ886	23	Varsity T.1	CFS	F/L Coombes
From & to Little Rissington.				

Saturday 17th June 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
Girl drifting out to sea on a lilo at Llanddwyn Bay, on arrival the girl was accompanied by a male swimmer. Both double lifted onto the beach where their families were.				

Sunday 18th June 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Sgt Jones
Suspected drowning off Conwy, recalled enroute as the 'drowned' boy was safe and well.				

Tuesday 20th June 1967 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Wednesday 21st June 1967 [anon]

WT366	[K]	Canberra B[I].8	[14 Sqn]	
WK164		Canberra B.2	A&AEE	
WT510		Canberra PR.7	31 Sqn	

Thursday 22nd June 1967 [BJ][AIR 27/3039][anon]

WG555	K	Shackleton MR.2	204 Sqn	Ballykelly Wing
G-AMFU	-	DH.104 Dove 6	Scottish Avn	From Speke
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XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
Cabin cruiser which had fired 3 flares between Conwy Estuary and Gt Ormes Head, on arrival it was being towed by a RNLI Lifeboat, no assistance required.				

Friday 23rd June 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
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Launch tied up in nets drifting towards rocks off Trearddur Bay, stood by until launch was taken under tow.

XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Search for 10ft dinghy 3hrs overdue from Warren Sands, Abersoch with 3 occupants. On arrival a man was seen on the beach indicating all was well, aircraft returned to Valley.				

Saturday 24th June 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Capsized 16ft dinghy with 3 people in the water near Pen Maen Bach beach, on arrival dinghy under tow and survivors safe.				

Monday 26th June 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise carried out with Holyhead Lifeboat.				

Tuesday 27th June 1967 [anon]

G-ATPR	-	PA-23 Aztec	Private	
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Wednesday 28th June 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Sloop drifting 2nms N of Penmon with 2 people onboard, on arrival Lifeboat rescued the people and took the vessel under tow.				

Thursday 29th June 1967 [BJ][AIR 29/3796][anon]

G-AMFU	-	DH.104 Dove 6	Scottish Avn	To Speke
VL349		Anson C.19	SCS	
Visit by AOC-in-C HQ Flying Training Command, ACM Sir J Davis.				
WL677	B	Varsity T.1	5 FTS	

Friday 30th June 1967 [AIR 27/3132][AIR 27/3195][anon]

XR141	[141]	Argosy C.1	267 Sqn	'RRR4073' S/L T G R Osborn
Routed: Geilenkirchen-Coltishall-Valley-Benson, 92 Sqn MPC support, see 3.7				
XR534	93	Gnat T.1	CFS	
G-AVAS	-	Cessna 172H	Private	
XS768	-	Basset CC.1	NCS	
XN593	[73]	JP T.3	1 FTS	

July [AIR 29/3796]

Shows: Acklington/Culdrose/Elstree/Hatfield/Wethersfield. Flypast carried out at Oakington for HRH Princess Margaret visit.				

Saturday 1st July 1967 [@MAR 07/17][AIR 27/3039][anon]

WZ620	[68]	Vampire T.11	3 CAACU	
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XH328	[66]	Vampire T.11	3 CAACU	
WL671	20	Varsity T.1	CFS	F/L Coombes
From & to Little Rissington.				
WG488	Z	Chipmunk T.10	8 AEF	
WD365	Y	Chipmunk T.10	8 AEF	
WG417	X	Chipmunk T.10	8 AEF	
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XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Report of a woman and 2 children had gone to the Skerries Lighthouse in canoes. Later found to be on an around the Island expedition.				
XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Boat sinking off Cemaes Bay, on arrival the survivors had already been rescued by a surface craft.				
XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Motor boat in difficulty off N Stack, on arrival the fault had been rectified, no assistance required.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP508:21 4 FTS Hatfield Airshow. Hunter F.6 XG190:70 4 FTS Wethersfield Airshow.				

Sunday 2nd July 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
Capsized dinghy off Benllech, 2 survivors airlifted to Moelfre. Another survivor insisted on staying with the dinghy until it was taken under tow. On return a call was received of a boat out of control towing something in Holyhead harbour, turned out to be a wrecked waterlogged boat and the crew had fallen out but were safely ashore.				
XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Capsized boat in Silver Bay, nothing seen, possibly mistaken for rocks.				

Monday 3rd July 1967 [Pprune MAINJAFAD][AIR 29/3796][@MAR 09/16][AIR 27/3149][anon]

92 Sqn arrived from Geilenkirchen for their MPC. 92 Sqn MPC 3-20.7, 7 Firestreak missiles fired. 2 aircraft were sent at some stage to Coltishall for radar bullet nose changes.				
XN728	[B]	Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC [F/L E D Stein]
XN733	[L]	Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC
XN786	[D]	Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC
XN788	R	Lightning F.2*	92 Sqn	MPC F/O Davis
*Chute failure on landing which led to a port tyre burst.				
XN790	[E]	Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC
XR133		Argosy C.1	114 Sqn	'RRR4362' F/L Mackie
Routed: Benson-Wildenrath-Geilenkirchen-Valley-Benson, 92 Sqn MPC support.				



Looking across from the STCAAME flight line towards the Northern part of the Airfield.
[lightningpilots.com]

WT342		Canberra B[I].8	16 Sqn	
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		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Search for a climber who had fallen 400ft, despite low cloud the casualty was recovered and flown to Bangor Hospital.				
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL609:80 4 FTS visited Chivenor [grey/dayglo scheme]				

Tuesday 4th July 1967 [AIR 27/3039][anon]

XP642	39	JP T.4	2 FTS	
XS183	46	JP T.4	2 FTS	
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XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Sgt Jones
Lady with a broken ankle in Snowdonia airlifted to Bangor Hospital.				

Wednesday 5th July 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise carried out in Trearddur Bay with an Inshore Rescue boat from Holyhead.				

Friday 7th July 1967 [@MAR 09/16][AIR 29/3681][anon]

G-AMYO	-	DH.104 Dove IB	Private	Morton Air Services
XR656	54	JP T.4	6 FTS	
XH592	-	Victor B.1A	TTF	PD G/C D Roberts
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS105:60 4 FTS visited Chivenor silver/dayglo.				

Saturday 8th July 1967 [AB Digest67][AIR 27/3039]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Demonstration given to the Scouts Association Jamboree at Colwyn Bay.				
Based noted: Hunter F.6 XG190:70 4 FTS Culdrose Airshow.				

Sunday 9th July 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Ridge
Young boy swimmer missing from Golden Sands, Rhyl. On arrival quick search revealed nothing, landed for more information. Recommenced search and located the survivor with his father on the beach giving him the kiss of life. CPR given and flown to Rhyl Hospital where a Doctor was unable to revive.				

Monday 10th July 1967 [AIR 27/3132][AIR 27/3039][anon]

92 Sqn MPC no range slots as HMS Eagle was using them.				
XF995	698:LM	Hunter T.8	764 NAS	
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XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
Capsized boat in Sandy Bay, 6 survivors winched to safety. Boat held away from rocks until taken in tow by another boat.				
XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
Capsized dinghy off Warren Beach, Abersoch with an expectant mother onboard. On arrival informed all had been rescued.				

Tuesday 11th July 1967 [BJ][AIR 27/3077][AIR 27/3082][AIR 27/3140]

XH475	-	Vulcan B.1A*	44 Sqn	F/L P T Whitelaw
XH505	-	Vulcan B.1A*	101 Sqn	F/L Marchant at 11:54
*Exercise 'Micky Finn' dispersal from Waddington.				
XB285	C	Beverley C.1	47 Sqn	F/L J B Fardell
Routed: Abingdon-Waddington-Valley-Abingdon, Exercise 'Micky Finn' support.				

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Wednesday 12th July 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Ridge
See 'Annex B' ?				

Thursday 13th July 1967 [AIR 27/3132][AIR 27/3077][AIR 27/3082][AIR 27/3071][anon]

92 Sqn MPC				
		Lightning T.4	92 Sqn	W/C J A Gilbert
From and to Geilenkirchen with SASO RAFG, A/Cdre Gill.				
XH475	-	Vulcan B.1A	44 Sqn	To Waddington, see 11.7
XB287	T	Beverley C.1	47 Sqn	F/L J D M Hall from Scampton
XF730	[F]	Shackleton MR.3	42 Sqn	PD F/L D E Harris
G-ASMR	-	PA-34 Commanche	Private	

Friday 14th July 1967 [AIR 27/3132][AIR 27/3082][anon][MB]

92 Sqn MPC no range slots as HMS Eagle was using them.				
XB287	T	Beverley C.1	47 Sqn	To Waddington, see 13.7
WF791	[-]	Meteor T.7	5 CAACU	
WH453	[-]	Meteor F.8	5 CAACU	
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP531:45 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 17.7 Gnat T.1 XR569:08 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 19.7				

Saturday 15th July 1967 [AIR 27/3039][anon]

XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/L Ridge
17yr old swimmer in difficulties off Formby Point. Nothing seen.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR952:31 4 FTS displayed at Elstree from Hatfield, N/stop [F/L Jackson]				

Sunday 16th July 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
See 'Annex C' ?				
XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Suspected drowning off Llanfairfechan, aircraft recalled to Valley enroute.				
XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Transport a Doctor and 6 pints of blood plus transfusion equipment from Bangor Hospital to Maentwrog, on arrival shutdown to await instructions from Doctors as to a possible CASEVAC. Later informed not required, returned to Valley.				

Monday 17th July 1967 [anon]

XR643	50	JP T.4	6 FTS	
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Tuesday 18th July 1967 [anon]

G-ASAU	-	MS.880B Rallye	Private	
G-ASMG	-	DH.104 Dove 8	Private	
XN605	9	JP T.3	6 FTS	
WZ476	[-]	Vampire T.11	19 MU	
WP321	629:LM	Sea Prince T.1	750 NAS	

Wednesday 19th July 1967 [anon]

XP286		Auster AOP.9	WR SF	West Raynham Station Flt
WD365	Y	Chipmunk T.10	8 AEF	
G-ATJR	-	PA-23 Aztec	Private	
WL678	C	Varsity T.1	115 Sqn	
XP807	[-]	Beaver AL.1	132 Flt/AAC	
21644	644	T-33AN	4 Wg/RCAF	
XN602	6	JP T.3	6 FTS	
XP624	31	JP T.4	2 FTS	

Thursday 20th July 1967 [AIR 27/3132][AIR 29/3681][anon]

92 Sqn departed back to Geilenkirchen post their MPC. 2 aircraft flew direct to Geilenkirchen. 4 flew back via Wattisham to collect ready-use missiles to replace those fired. No Transport aircraft available for the return.				
XN728	[B]	Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	To Geilenkirchen
XN733	[L]	Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	To Geilenkirchen
XN786	[D]	Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	To Geilenkirchen
XN788	[R]	Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	To Geilenkirchen
XN790	[E]	Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	To Geilenkirchen
		Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	To Geilenkirchen
XH646	-	Victor B.1A[K2P]	TTF	PD F/L R J Russell
XN576	79	JP T.3	CFS	
XP628	47	JP T.4	2 FTS	
G-ASPC	-	Piaggio P.166B	Private	

Friday 21st July 1967 [@MAR 10/16][AIR 27/3146][AIR 27/3039][anon]

*Scrambled from Wattisham to Aberporth Range. 1x Firestreak fired.				
		Lightning F.3*	111 Sqn	F/L E H Karras [RCAF]
XR442	[-]	Sea Heron C.1	781 NAS	
WD365	Y	Chipmunk T.10	8 AEF	
G-ATMP	-	Cessna 210F	Private	
XR135	135	Argosy C.1	267 Sqn	
XR140	140	Argosy C.1	242 OCU	
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XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Ridge

Swimmer in difficulty off Golden Sands, Rhyl. On arrival informed swimmer had been rescued and was enroute to the local Hospital.

Based noted:
Hunter T.7 XL622:81 4 FTS visited Chivenor [grey/dayglo scheme]

Saturday 22nd July 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise carried out with Llandudno Lifeboat at Rhos-on-Sea.				

Sunday 23rd July 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
3 swimmers in difficulty at Red Wharf Bay, nothing seen so landed on beach and questioned bystanders, no information so returned to Valley.				
XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
Search for missing 7yr old boy believed to have gone swimming off Pwllheli. On arrival spoke to a Police Officer, then waved down by an adult who had found the boy wandering around lost, boy returned to the Police.				
XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
4 occupants of a small boat making distress signals 1nm E of Point Lynas, on arrival boat found to be under tow, escorted by the Lifeboat.				

Monday 24th July 1967 [@MAR 10/16]

Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL591:82 4 FTS visited Chivenor [grey/dayglo scheme]				

Tuesday 25th July 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Wet winching carried out at HMS Conway on the Menai Straits.				
XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Ridge
Capsized boat 1nm off Llanbedr with 3 people in the water, on arrival the boat and sole occupant was safely ashore.				

Wednesday 26th July 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
BBC filming for 'Week In/Week Out' TV programme.				

Thursday 27th July 1967 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP508:21 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 9.8				

Friday 28th July 1967 [@MAR 05/22][anon]

G-ARYC	-	HS.125-1	Private	
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Based noted:
Gnat T.1 XS109:63 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.

Sunday 30th July 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Ridge
Capsized boat near Rhosneigr with 2 people in the water, on arrival 2 sub-aqua divers in the search area, no assistance required.				

August 1967 [AIR 29/3796]

Station Flight handled 165 visiting aircraft, including a Rapide/Stampe/Jodel. Static displays: Boscombe Down [Exercise Unison]/Wattisham Flying displays: Coventry/Cosford/Plas Newydd/Teeside.				
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Tuesday 1st August 1967 [BJ][AIR 29/3681][anon]

XH647	-	Victor B.1A[K2P]	TTF	PD F/L M C Hastings
G-ASVE	-	Beech Queen Air	Shorts	To & from Speke
XS111	-	Gnat T.1	Red Arrows	
XR992	-	Gnat T.1	Red Arrows	
XM463	24	JP T.3	RAFC	
XP548	83	JP T.4	RAFC	
XP547	82	JP T.4	RAFC	
XP667	98	JP T.4	RAFC	
XP566	81	JP T.4	RAFC	

Wednesday 2nd August 1967 [DF][AIR 27/3039][anon]

XS779	-	Basset CC.1	NCS	
XP615	[35]	JP T.4	1 FTS	
WT364	N	Canberra B[I].8	3 Sqn	
XS639		Andover C.1	46 Sqn	
WG789	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	From Pershore N/stop
G-ASOM	-	Beagle Terrier	Private	
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L A A G Ridge
Flying demonstration given at Plas Newydd, the home of the Marquis of Anglesey. After the demonstration, the aircraft shut down for 20mins on the lawn adjacent to the Mansion and shown to the general public.				
XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Sgt Jones
MEDEVAC, Bangor to Cosford, refuelled at Shawbury.				

Thursday 3rd August 1967 [DF][anon]

WG789	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	To Pershore, see 2.8
XS770	-	Basset CC.1	NCS	

Friday 4th August 1967 [DF][AIR 27/3039][anon]

G-ARGK	-	Cessna 210	Private	
XM463	24	JP T.3	RAFC	
G-AMZN	-	DH.104 Dove 6	Private	
G-ADDI	-	DH.84 Dragon	Private	
WG789	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	From & to Pershore
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XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Sgt Jones
Youth struggling in the sea at Trearddur Bay, on arrival informed by swimmer that the youth had been rescued.				

Saturday 5th August 1967 [AB Dig67][@MAR 11/18]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR951:26 4 FTS, 111 Sqn 50 th Anniversary Display, Wattisham. Hunter F.6 XG274:71 4 FTS Tees-Side Airport Airshow.				

Sunday 6th August 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Sgt Jones
Search for capsized yacht, nothing seen.				
XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Sgt Jones
Denbighshire Police requested assistance in searching for a missing 5yr old girl. Enroute informed that the search area was at the Happy Families Caravan site, Rhyl. Beach and sea searched for 20mins, then informed by Police that the girl had been found.				

Monday 7th August 1967 [AB][DF][AIR 27/3039][anon]

XS175	44	JP T.4	CFS	
XR681	94	JP T.4	RAFC	
XN584	52	JP T.3	RAFC	
XN553	34	JP T.3	1 FTS	
XP563	78	JP T.4	RAFC	
WG789	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	From and to Pershore
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XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Ridyard
2 girls in a dinghy drifting out to sea off Rhyl. On arrival informed by Police that the dinghy was yellow and drifting towards Colwyn Bay, search carried out, but nothing seen. Aircraft then diverted to another incident at Borth as there were several boats involved in the search off Rhyl/Colwyn Bay. The incident at Borth was a capsized boat. Aircraft refuelled at Llanbedr then landed on the beach to talk to the local Police. 25sq/nm search carried out and one survivor found in the Dovey Estuary, nothing else seen. Whilst returning to Valley, informed of a boat in trouble 5nms N of Barmouth, boat was located almost at once and towed ashore by helicopter.				
XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10*	22 Sqn	
*Flew to Baldonnel, Eire to participate in a joint RAF/Irish Air Corps Search & Rescue Exercise. Pembroke C.1 WV749 of Western Communications Flight also flew to Baldonnel				

but unsure if it flew via Valley [may have flown the supporting groundcrew possibly ?]

Tuesday 8th August 1967 [DF][AIR 27/3039][AIR 29/3681][anon]

XN579	49	JP T.3	RAFC	
XN584	52	JP T.3	RAFC	
XN464	27	JP T.3	RAFC	
G-AVIS	-	Cessna F172H	Private	
G-ASJR	-	Cessna 182F	Private	
XH594	-	Victor B.1A	TTF	PD F/L M C Hastings
WG789	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	From & to Pershore
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XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
Lilo drifting out to sea to the E of Llandudno, recalled enroute as the incident was closed.				
XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Flew with an IAC Alouette III to Castlebar, Co Mayo to bring 2 road traffic accident victims to Dublin, see also 7.8				

Wednesday 9th August 1967 [DF][AIR 29/3796][AIR 29/3681]

WJ990	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	From & to Pershore
Thunderbird 2 missile trials with TERA, Ty Croes.				
XH615	-	Victor B.1A[K2P]	TTF	PD F/L W T E Cox
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XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
Night scramble, casualty with a broken leg flown from Llanddwyn Island to Bangor Hospital. Landed at Llanddwyn with the help of 2 sets of dipped headlights as requested.				
XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
Explosion seen on a fishing vessel off Aberffraw. Located the vessel and winchman lowered to the vessel, then informed the 'explosion' was a distress flare being fired. Holyhead Lifeboat was sent to take over the recovery of the vessel.				

Thursday 10th August 1967 [AIR 27/3039][AIR 29/3681]

XH615	-	Victor B.1A[K2P]	TTF	PD F/L M C Hastings
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise held with Pwllheli Lifeboat at the annual Regatta.				

Friday 11th August 1967 [AIR 27/3213]

WV743		Pembroke C.1	MCS	'RRR5172'
Routed: Northolt-White Waltham-Valley-Northolt, arrived 15:45 & departed 15:50.				

Saturday 12th August 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise held with the Inland Rescue Boat at the Beaumaris Flag Day.				

Tuesday 15th August 1967 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Wednesday 16th August 1967 [BJ][AIR 27/3039][AIR 27/3213]

VP956		Devon C.2	MCS	'RRR5178'
Routed: Northolt-Valley-Northolt, arrived 10:35 & departed 14:25.				
G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
RAF Valley Station Commander, G/C Harding flown to the Survival Course Camp at Trefriw in the Conwy Valley.				
XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
Capsized boat in Trearddur Bay with people clinging on to it. 2 youths double lifted into the aircraft and flown to Valley.				
XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
Capsized boat off Rhoscolyn, located boat with man pushing it, offer of rescue accepted and a double lift carried out. Survivor landed onshore safely, and aircraft returned to Valley.				

Thursday 17th August 1967 [AIR 27/3039][MB]

XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Sgt Jones
Yacht in difficulties off Rhosneigr, swamped yacht located with 3 occupants one of whom being a non-swimmer was airlifted to the beach. The other 2 remained onboard bailing out, after delivering the non-swimmer to friends the yacht was seen to be underway again, aircraft returned to Valley.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR977:46 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 9.10.66				

Friday 18th August 1967 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR571:23 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 9.6.67				

Sunday 20th August 1967 [Pprune PE_3721 logbook*][Pprune MAINJAFAD][AIR 29/3796][AIR 27/3039][anon][MB]

23 Sqn arrived from Leuchars for their MPC. 23 Sqn MPC 20.8-2.9, 4 Firestreak missiles fired				
		?x Lightning F.[6]*	23 Sqn	
G-AOTI	-	DH.114 Heron	Private	
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
18 Territorial Army Soldiers flown from Port Penrhyn to RAF Mona during a field exercise.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR535:05 returned from Bitteswell, see 7.2.67				

Tuesday 22nd August 1967 [anon]

G-ATCI	-	Airtourer 100	Private	
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Wednesday 23rd August 1967 [AIR 29/3796][AIR 27/3039][MB]

23 Sqn MPC 1x Firestreak fired				
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XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Ridge
Flew the injured Gnat pilot from Valley to RAF Hospital, Cosford. See below.				
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Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP515:55 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 1.9				
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XP512	12	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	

Hydraulic failure in the circuit rendering aircraft uncontrollable. Both Pilots ejected safely. Aircraft crash landed on Rhosneigr Beach relatively intact. Damaged beyond repair and struck off charge 1.9.67. Wreck ended up on the Valley fire dump by 10.8.68.

A 22 Sqn Whirlwind HAR.10 XP350 [F/L Ridge] 'PEDRO22' was just returning from a training sortie and was waiting to cross the active runway at Valley when a Gnat was observed doing a touch and go. Once airborne again the Gnat adopted a steep nose-up attitude and turned steeply to port towards the hovering helicopter. F/L Ridge took evasive action and heard the Gnat crew transmit on the radio that they had a 'control restriction' and the aircraft was practically uncontrollable, the crew would endeavour to stay with the aircraft until clear of the airfield and out to sea before ejecting. The helicopter followed the wildly gyrating Gnat then saw both pilots in their parachutes. One pilot landed on the perimeter of the airfield and was seen to walk ok. The other pilot drifted out to sea but landed on the beach, the helicopter landed next to the pilot who was conscious but complaining of leg pains. The Winchman [Sgt Holegate] released the pilot's parachute harness [at this time the Gnat was seen to crash land into the sea 40yds off Rhosneigr beach] and the Navigator [F/L Danieli] secured both legs by using the leg restraint straps as both legs appeared to be broken. Pilot was secured by stretcher and flown to the Valley SSQ. The other pilot was picked up by a CFS Whirlwind carrying out local flying and also flown to the SSQ.



[Internet unknown]



[Dick Thomas Collection]



Seen later in Gaydon Hangar. [Valley Aviation Society]

Instr	F/L	Gordon Allin	Ejected at 3,000ft, broke both legs
Student	P/O	P S G Adams	Ejected at 3,000ft ok

Thursday 24th August 1967 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR955:43 4 FTS visited Boscombe Down.				

Friday 25th August 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise carried out with Beaumaris Inshore Rescue Boat.				

Saturday 26th August 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Yacht firing red flares 8nms W of Skerries, located alongside a German Ship. Survivor				

airlifted off to Valley and the salvaged boat handed over to the receiver of wrecks at Holyhead by the Holyhead lifeboat.

Sunday 27th August 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Whilst on a mountain flying training sortie called by the St Athan MRT on distress frequency requesting assistance for a boy being brought down the W side of Snowdon. Casualty taken onboard to Bangor Hospital.				

Monday 28th August 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Demonstration carried out with Moelfre Lifeboat on their Flag Day.				

Tuesday 29th August 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

23 Sqn MPC 1x Firestreak fired				
XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Ridge
Refers to 'Annex A' ?				

Wednesday 30th August 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

23 Sqn MPC 1x Firestreak fired				

Thursday 31st August 1967 [@MAR 11/16]

Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL567:81 4 FTS visited Chivenor.				

September 1967 [AIR 29/3796]

Station Flight handled 139 visiting aircraft.				
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Friday 1st September 1967 [AIR 27/3041]

23 Sqn MPC 1x Firestreak fired				

Saturday 2nd September 1967 [AIR 27/3041]

23 Sqn departed back to Leuchars post their MPC.				
		?x Lightning	23 Sqn	To Leuchars

Sunday 3rd September 1967 [NWAN/MSAE by Alan Scholefield][AIR 29/3796][anon]

RAF Valley ROC [Royal Observer Corps] Show, 600 members attended.				
Static:				

WJ728	[J]	Canberra B.2	231 OCU	Bassingbourn
WB573	[B]	Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	
XS766	-	Basset C.1	NCS	
XN605	9	JP T.3	6 FTS	
XP758	D	Lightning F.3	23 Sqn	Leuchars
XR986	-	Gnat T.1	Red Arrows	
XR993	-	Gnat T.1	Red Arrows	
XR996	-	Gnat T.1	Red Arrows	
WH166	27	Meteor T.7	CFS	Little Rissington



[Steve Bond Collection]

WV755	-	Pembroke C.1	NCS	
XF877	T	Provost T.1	CATCS	Shawbury
XT138	X	Sioux AH.1	CFS	Ternhill
XK624	32	Vampire T.11	CFS	Little Rissington
WJ901	O	Varsity T.1	5 FTS	Oakington
XH481	-	Vulcan B.1	101 Sqn	Waddington S/L Bird
XP331	W-T	Whirlwind HAR.10	CFS	Ternhill
XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Valley
XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Valley
64-0895	-	F-4C	92 TFS/81 TFW	Woodbridge
56-3217	-	F-100D	494 TFS/48 TFW	Lakenheath, see 4.9 camo
56-0112	-	RF-101C	66 TRW	Upper Heyford

Based Aircraft noted:

Gnat T.1 4 FTS

XP512:12 XR977:46

Hunter F.6 4 FTS

XG190:70* XG274:71 XF384:72 XF509:73 XG185:74

Hunter T.7 4 FTS

XL609:80 XL591:82 XL600:83

[*XG190 was a famous aircraft having served with 111 Sqn [Black Arrows] & 92 Sqn [Blue Diamonds] It was sold back to HSA Kingston as G-9-244 and after refurbishment became an F.56A serial A939 with the Indian AF]

Fire Dump:

WA658	-	Meteor T.7	Ex. GWDS	
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WJ479	N	Valetta T.3	Ex. - ANS	
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Monday 4th September 1967 [ManAS*][AIR 27/3140]

XH481	-	Vulcan B.1A	101 Sqn	To Waddington, see 1.9
[56-3217]		F-100D*	/48 TFW	'OPSOME75'
62-4474	-	T-39A*	48 TFW	
*The F-100 reportedly made an emergency diversion to Valley and the T-39A was sent as an escort aircraft for the return to Lakenheath. They both returned to Lakenheath in formation 4.9, possibly the same aircraft as in the Airshow static?				

Tuesday 5th September 1967 [BJ][AIR 27/3039]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Ridge
4 men cut off by the tide at Red Wharf Bay, recalled enroute by ATC.				

Wednesday 6th September 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
MEDEVAC, Ashton-under-Lyne to Lodge Moor Hospital, Sheffield. Refuelled at Speke on return flight.				

Thursday 7th September 1967 [BJ][@MAR 11/16][AIR 29/3681]

XH646	-	Victor B.1A[K2P]	TTF	PD F/L M C Hastings
G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR955:43 4 FTS visited Boscombe Down.				

Friday 8th September 1967 [@MAR 07/22]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP534:15 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth, returned 11.9				

Saturday 9th September 1967 [AB Dig67]

Based noted: Hunter F.6 XG185:74 4 FTS Yeovilton Airshow.				

Tuesday 12th September 1967 [BJ][AIR 27/3039][SB]

XL839		Whirlwind HAR.9		Tony Bower departed 15.9
XL898	449:PR	Whirlwind HAR.9		Tony Bower departed 15.9
HMS Protector				
G-APCX	-	Auster J/5R Alpine	Private	To Speke, Girls Venture Corps
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XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard

MEDEVAC, Valley to RAF Hospital Cosford. Refuelled at Ternhill on return flight.
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Wednesday 13th September 1967 [BJ][AIR 27/3039][AIR 27/3195]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
XR139	139	Argosy C.1	267 Sqn	'RRR4695' F/L D Bromley
Routed: Benson-Gutersloh-Gatow-Gutersloh-Valley-Benson, 19 Sqn MPC support.				
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XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
MEDEVAC, Andressy Hospital, Burton-on-Trent to Gobowen Hospital. Refuelled at Ternhill.				

Thursday 14th September 1967 [AB][AIR 29/3796][AIR 27/3036][AIR 27/3039]

		[Argosy C.1]		19 Sqn MPC support, see 15.9
	-	DH.104 Dove 7	IAC	Irish Air Corps
	-	Alouette III	IAC	Irish Air Corps
Joint IAC/RAF SAR Exercise until 19.9, see also 7.8.67. took part in joint exercises with Holyhead Lifeboat and mountain flying. The Alouette also appeared with a 22 Sqn Whirlwind at St Athan Battle of Britain Day on 16.9				

Friday 15th September 1967 [BJ][AIR 27/3036][AIR 27/3149][AIR 27/3195]

19 Sqn arrived from Gutersloh for their MPC. Lightnings flew via Wattisham. 19 Sqn MPC 15.9-6.10, 3 Firestreak missiles fired.				
XN727	[A]	Lightning F.2	19 Sqn	MPC [S/L D E Caldwell]
XN776	[E]	Lightning F.2	19 Sqn	MPC [F/L A B Blackley]
XN784	[L]	Lightning F.2	19 Sqn	MPC [F/L R M Leach]
XN787	[M]	Lightning F.2	19 Sqn	MPC [F/O J A Rigby]
		Lightning F.2	19 Sqn	MPC [F/O R Payne]
XM991	T	Lightning T.4	19 Sqn	MPC [F/O R H Beazley]
XN815	815	Argosy C.1	114 Sqn	'RRR4500' F/O Ogden
Routed: Benson-Gutersloh-Valley-Benson, 19 Sqn MPC support.				
XN857	857	Argosy C.1	267 Sqn	'RRR4501' F/O G D Rolfe
Routed: Gutersloh-Coltishall-Valley-Benson, 19 Sqn MPC support.				
G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke

Saturday 16th September 1967 [AIR 29/3796][scramble.nl]

Unit aircraft attended the following Battle of Britain Open Days.

?	Lossiemouth
?	Kidlington
?	Yeovilton
Gnat T.1	XP503:03 4 FTS Acklington.
Hunter F.6	XF509:73 4 FTS Finningley Airshow, flying.
Hunter F.6	XG185:74 4 FTS Finningley Airshow, flying.
?	Leuchars
?	St Athan
Gnat T.1	XR953:29 4 FTS Coltishall.
Gnat T.1	XR952:31 4 FTS Coltishall.
Gnat T.1	XR977:46 4 FTS Abingdon.
?	Aberdeen/Dyce
?	Shobdon
Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn St Athan Airshow.

Monday 18th September 1967 [Fred Butcher logbook*][AIR 29/3796][AIR 27/3039]

XH375	-	Heron CC.3*	27 MU	[Queens Flight aircraft]
		Chipmunk T.10		S/L Todman
From St Mawgan to visit 22 Sqn and the Irish Air Corps detachment, see 14.9				

Tuesday 19th September 1967 [BJ][Paddy O'Flynn logbook*][AIR 29/3796]

XN727	[A]	Lightning F.2*	19 Sqn	MPC
XN776	[E]	Lightning F.2*	19 Sqn	MPC
XN784	[L]	Lightning F.2*	19 Sqn	MPC
XN787	[M]	Lightning F.2*	19 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.2	19 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning T.4	19 Sqn	MPC
		?		
AOC 23 Group, AVM M D Lyne presented awards reference Queens Birthday Honours. Arrived by air?				
XT213	Q	Sioux AH.1	ARWF/AAC	'AAC135' From Speke

Wednesday 20th September 1967 [BJ][@MAR 01/17][MB]

Later S/L, Russ Peart attended 4 FTS flying the Gnat between 20.9.67-27.2.68 His logbook mentions the following Gnats: XP500 XP509 XP510 XP513 XP514 XP516 XP530 XP532 XP534 XP538 XP540 XP541 XP542 XP534 XR541 XR544 XR545 XR567 XR571 XR572 XR573 XR574 XR948 XR951 XR953 XR977 XR980 XR982 XR983 XR984 XR999 XS102 XS103 XS104 XS105 XS106 XS107 XS109				
G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS106:36 4 FTS visited Chivenor [silver/dayglo scheme] Gnat T.1 XP502:02 4 FTS repairs complete, back to 4 FTS see 19.11.66				

Thursday 21st September 1967 [BJ][AIR 27/3039][@MAR 07/22]

G-AMFU	-	DH.104 Dove 6	Scottish Avn	From Speke
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XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Ridge
MEDEVAC, Cosford to Valley.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP542:42 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Friday 22nd September 1967 [BJ][AIR 29/3796][@MAR 01/17][AIR 27/3036][AIR 27/3213]

19 Sqn MPC 1x Firestreak fired [XN776:E][S/L D E Caldwell]				
VP955		Devon C.2	MCS	'RRR5216'
Routed: Northolt-Bedford-Valley-Bedford-Northolt, arrived 09:40 & departed 13:25.				
G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Danieli
Detached to IoM until 25.9 for joint exercises with lifeboats of Douglas/Port Erin/Port St Mary/Ramsey/Peel.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP503:03 4 FTS visited Chivenor [silver/dayglo scheme]				

Sunday 24th September 1967 [AIR 27/3136]

XM490	490	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	'RRR6571' F/L J W May
Routed: Bruggen-Valley-Lyneham.				

Monday 25th September 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Weaver
MRT requested assistance in a search for a man missing on Tryfan. Search though was restricted by weather and turbulence. Aircraft landed at the MRT HQ at Llyn Ogwen and was refuelled by a bowser sent from Valley. Search then carried out for a further 30mins before being abandoned due to severe turbulence at the summit, returned to Valley. Man's body was later found by a land party.				

Tuesday 26th September 1967 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Wednesday 27th September 1967 [AIR 27/3036]

19 Sqn MPC 1x missile fired [XN727:A][F/O F J O'Flynn]				

Saturday 30th September 1967 [scramble.nl][@MAR 07/22]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR952:31 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

October 1967 [AIR 29/3796]

Station Flight handled 143 visiting aircraft.

October 1967 [Roundel]

NH904	[-]	Spitfire FR.14e	Private	Arrived for restoration
In the event, the restoration wasn't started, and the aircraft was transported to Henlow in April 1968. This aircraft later became Spencer Flack's colourful red G-FIRE. The Daily Post edition for 20.11.67 mentions this aircraft, owned by Garage owner Bunny Brookes, a former Bomber Pilot. It was loaned to RAF Valley with F/L Barry Stott, a QFI being in charge of the restoration to flight.				

Sunday 1st October 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP352	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
2 calls received. Man in dinghy drifting .5nm West of Point of Ayr plus 2 men in a boat .5nm off Penmaen head, East of Colwyn Bay. Both men were airlifted to Royal Alexander Hospital, Rhyl. Whilst airborne the crew were informed that the man off Point of Ayr had been rescued.				

Tuesday 3rd October 1967 [BJ][AIR 27/3082]

XB267	B	Beverley C.1	47 Sqn	F/L E D Peat
Routed: Abingdon-Waddington-Valley-Abingdon.				
G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke

Wednesday 4th October 1967 [AIR 27/3077]

XM569	-	Vulcan B.2	44 Sqn	F/O J J Cheyne
Exercise Kinsman dispersal from Waddington.				

Thursday 5th October 1967 [@MAR 01/17][AIR 27/3036][AIR 27/3149][AIR 27/3077][AIR 27/3082]

XM991	[T]	Lightning T.4	19 Sqn	MPC firing F/O R H Beazley
XM569	-	Vulcan B.2	44 Sqn	To Waddington, see 4.10
XB267	B	Beverley C.1	47 Sqn	F/O H N Frames
Routed: Abingdon-Valley-Waddington-Abingdon.				
XR141	141	Argosy C.1*	114 Sqn	'RRR4516' Maj Reynolds
XR142	142	Argosy C.1*	114 Sqn	'RRR4517' F/L Howie
[XR142]	[142]	Argosy C.1*	267 Sqn	'RRR4518' F/O Nicolle
*All 3 aircraft arrived from Benson. [XR142 is mentioned in both 114 & 267 Sqn ORB's but with different crews/callsigns]				
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL622:81 4 FTS visited Chivenor				

Friday 6th October 1967 [AIR 27/3036][AIR 27/3149][AIR 27/3195]

19 Sqn departed back to Gutersloh post their MPC.				
XN727	[A]	Lightning F.2	19 Sqn	To Gutersloh

XN776	[E]	Lightning F.2	19 Sqn	To Gutersloh
XN784	[L]	Lightning F.2	19 Sqn	To Gutersloh
XN787	[M]	Lightning F.2	19 Sqn	To Gutersloh
		Lightning F.2	19 Sqn	To Gutersloh
		Lightning T.4	19 Sqn	To Gutersloh
XR141	141	Argosy C.1*	114 Sqn	'RRR4516'
[XR142]	[142]	Argosy C.1*	267 Sqn	'RRR4518'
*Both routed: Valley-Gutersloh-Benson, returning 19 Sqn MPC support, see 5.10				
XR142	142	Argosy C.1	114 Sqn	'RRR4517'
Routed: Valley-Coltishall-Gutersloh-Benson, returning 19 Sqn MPC support, see 5.10				

Saturday 7th October 1967 [BJ]

G-APRK	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Tuesday 10th October 1967 [BJ][AIR 27/3213]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
VP958		Devon C.2	MCS	'RRR5277'
Routed: Northolt-Valley-Northolt, arrived 10:45 & departed 15:10.				

Wednesday 11th October 1967 [@MAR 02/17][SB][anon]

64-1015	[-]	RF-4C	30 TRS/10 TRW	
66-0423	[-]	RF-4C	30 TRS/10 TRW	
66-0433	[-]	RF-4C	30 TRS/10 TRW	
XR674	[44]	JP T.4	1 FTS	John Dixon N/stop
Based noted: Gnat T.1 [XP506]:06 XR573:20 4 FTS both visited Shawbury. Hunter T.7 XL567:84 4 FTS visited Shawbury.				

Thursday 12th October 1967 [SB]

XR674	[44]	JP T.4	1 FTS	To Linton-on-Ouse, see 11.10
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Sunday 15th October 1967 [AIR 27/3146]

111 Sqn [5 aircraft] arrived from Wattisham for their MPC. 111 Sqn MPC 18-24.10, 5 Firestreak missiles fired.				
		Lightning	111 Sqn	MPC
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[In 1967 111 Sqn were operating the following: XR711:A XP749:B XR713:C XP706:D XR715:E XR716:F XP738:G XP750:H XP740:J XP741:K XP742:L XP762:M XS450:T XP754:X XP700:Z]				

Monday 16th October 1967 [BJ][AIR 27/3039][AIR 27/3213]

WD157		Valetta C.1	MCS	'RRR5281' 111 Sqn support
Routed: Northolt-Wattisham-Valley-Northolt, arrived 09:50 & departed 10:45.				
G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
Search for overdue lone fisherman in the Dee Estuary, rescued by inshore rescue boat.				

Tuesday 17th October 1967 [anon]

XG156	F	Hunter FGA.9	54 Sqn	
XG264	A	Hunter FGA.9	54 Sqn	
XF517	V	Hunter FGA.9	54 Sqn	
XG252	W	Hunter FGA.9	54 Sqn	

Friday 20th October 1967 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP511:11 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 26.10				

Sunday 22nd October 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Sgt Jones
Search for a boy in the water clinging to a boat. Crew located the swamped boat and body under water nearby. Body winched into the aircraft and returned to Valley whilst carrying out CPR. SMO met the aircraft and after further CPR the casualty was declared dead.				

Tuesday 24th October 1967 [BJ][AIR 27/3146][anon]

111 Sqn departed back to Wattisham post their MPC.				
		?x Lightning	111 Sqn	To Wattisham
G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
G-AVIR	-	Cessna F172H	Private	From Speke, Westair
XV268		Beaver AL.1	AFWF/AAC	
XP771		Beaver AL.1	AFWF/AAC	
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR574:24 4 FTS PD Shawbury.				

Wednesday 25th October 1967 [AB]

WF791		Meteor T.7	5 CAACU	Hurn-Woodvale
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Thursday 26th October 1967 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP531:45 repairs complete and back to 4 FTS, see 14.7.67				

Friday 27th October 1967 [BJ][@MAR 09/22]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR538:01 XP514:14 4 FTS both visited Lossiemouth.				
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Sunday 29th October 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise carried out with 208 Liverpool Hospital [Territorial Army] Unit.				
	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Weaver
Flew to Bardsey Island with W/C Edwards [Valley W/C Flying] and Mr Yeomans [Valley Chief Meteorological Officer] to discuss advanced meteorological warning with the Met Observers based there.				

Monday 30th October 1967 [BJ][ManAS*][anon]

XB267	B	Beverley C.1	47 Sqn	
G-AKKG	-	Miles Messenger	R E Gold	To Speke
*Leavesden-Manchester-Valley-Speke.				

Tuesday 31st October 1967 [BJ][AIR 27/3082][anon]

XB267	B	Beverley C.1	47 Sqn	Capt J D Jeffcoat
From and to Abingdon.				
G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
WH844		Canberra T.4	RAE	Farnborough
XL611		Hunter T.7	A&AEE	

November 1967 [AIR 29/3796]

Station Flight handled 152 visiting aircraft. No MPC firings this month.				

Wednesday 1st November 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
Informed by Holyhead Coastguard that cabin cruiser 'Sabine' was in distress, contact made but no assistance required.				

Thursday 2nd November 1967 [anon]

EI-ARU	-	Brantly 305	Private	
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Friday 3rd November 1967 [AIR 27/3039][AIR 29/3681]

XH594	-	Victor B.1A	TTF	PD S/L J W Allen
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XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Sgt Jones
Assistance requested for a man and dog cut off by the tide in the Dee Estuary, inshore boat homed to survivor.				

Sunday 5th November 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
MV Reith ran aground at Penmaenmawr, and its Captain requested assistance for an injured seaman, airlifted to Bangor Hospital with a broken leg.				

Monday 6th November 1967 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR537:37 4 FTS assessed as CAT.4R, to Bitteswell for repair 7.12				

Thursday 9th November 1967 [AIR 29/3796][AIR 27/3168]

G-ASHW	-	DH.104 Dove 8	Private	Endeavour Aviation
Lord Snowdon visited whilst en-route to Gatwick.				
WL755	L	Shackelton MR.2	204 Sqn	F/O Smith from & to Ballykelly

Monday 13th November 1967 [BJ][AIR 27/2942]

	-	Vulcan B.2	50 Sqn	PD, F/L A J G Blyth.
Based noted: Whirlwind HAR.10 XP354 22 Sqn 'KNU245' visited Speke.				

Tuesday 14th November 1967 [BJ]

G-ASMD	-	Cessna 310D	Private	From Speke, Pye Aviation
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Wednesday 15th November 1967 [BJ]

G-APRK	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Thursday 16th November 1967 [BJ][IBCCA]

G-APRK	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
WL671	20	Varsity T.1	CFS	F/L Coombes
Routed: Little Rissington-Valley-Kemble-Little Rissington.				

Tuesday 21st November 1967 [Pprune PE_3721 logbook][AIR 29/3796][DEFE 67/31&35][AIR 27/3041][AIR 27/3213][IBCCA]

Exercise 'Midsummer' 21-23.11.67. 23 Sqn deployed 6 aircraft, defending home waters under RN Control. 2 Irish Airliners were claimed! They flew 12 sorties on 22.11 and 3 on 23.11				
[XS936]	[B]	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	W/C K A Williamson
[XR728]	[D]	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	S/L R Blackburn
[XS937]	[C]	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	Maj F L Pieri
[XR757]	[R]	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	F/L D J Gurney
[XS938]	[E]	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	F/O M P Donaldson
		Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	F/L A J Craig
WD157		Valetta C.1	MCS	'RRR5334' 23 Sqn support
Routed: Northolt-Leuchars-Valley-Northolt, arrived 12:35 & departed 13:00.				
WJ945	21	Varsity T.1	CFS	F/L Coombes

From Little Rissington, N/stop.

Wednesday 22nd November 1967 [MB]

WJ945	21	Varsity T.1	CFS	To Little Rissington, see 21.11
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP508:21 repairs complete to 4 FTS, see 27.7.67 Gnat T.1 XR981:49 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 24.11				

Thursday 23rd November 1967 [BJ][Fred Butcher logbook*]

23 Sqn departed back to Leuchars post Exercise 'Midsummer.'				
XR728	[D]	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
XR757	R	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
XS936	[B]	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
XS937	[C]	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
XS938	[D]	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
		Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
		?		
C-in-C Fighter Command, AM Sir F Rosier visited regarding 'Exercise Midsummer,' see 21.11				
G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
XS709	[M]	Dominie T.1*	27 MU	
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Friday 24th November 1967 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Monday 27th November 1967 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Tuesday 28th November 1967 [AIR 29/3796]

All visiting aircraft from Foot & Mouth areas were being disinfected from this date onwards.				

December 1967 [AIR 29/3796]

First RAF Valley 'Force 8' magazine produced. Station Flight handled 85 visiting aircraft. No MPC in December.				

December 1967 [BAG 12/67]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 4 FTS a run-down of the current fleet: XR538:01 XP502:02 XP503:03 XP504:04 XR535:05 XP506:06 XP537:07 XR569:08 XP509:09 XP510:10 XP511:11 XP513:13 XP514:14 XP534:15 XP516:16 XR567:17 XR545:18 XR572:19 XR573:20 XP508:21 XR571:23 XR574:24 XR997:25 XR951:26 XP536:27 XR948:28 XR953:29				
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XR954:30 XR952:31 XP532:32 XP533:33 XR541:34 XR544:35 XS105:36 XR537:37 XP538:38
 XP539:39 XP540:40 XP541:41 XP542:42 XR955:43 XS104:44 XP531:45 XR977:46 XR998:47
 XR980:48 XR981:49 XP500:50 XR982:51 XR984:52 XR983:53 XP535:54 XP515:55 XR999:56
 XS100:57 XS102:58 XS103:59 XS105:60 XS107:61 XS110:62 XS109:63 XP530:64

December 1967 [anon]

No specific dates in December for the following visitors:				
G-ATZJ	-	PA-23 Aztec	Private	
G-AOGU	-	DH.114 Heron 2E	Private	
G-AVKZ	-	PA-23 Aztec	Private	
XK884		Pembroke C.1	SCS	
XL568		Hunter T.7	RAE	Bedford
G-APRK	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	Private	
G-ASUL	-	Cessna 182G	Private	
G-AWCE	-	Slingsby T66 Nipper	Private	
G-ATCI	-	Airtourer 100	Private	

Friday 1st December 1967 [BJ][AIR 29/3796][AIR 27/3039]

G-ATPC	-	HS.125 Srs.1	Private	Secretary State for Wales
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		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise carried out with Moelfre Lifeboat.				

Tuesday 5th December 1967 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Wednesday 6th December 1967 [BJ][AIR 27/3039]

		?x Gannet	NAS	Based 5-7.12
		?x Wessex	NAS	Based 5-7.12
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XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Spilsbury
XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO23' F/L Weaver

Refuel stop at Speke whilst on a SAR callout searching for a crew from a Sea Vixen which crashed into the sea off N Ireland. A Comet, 3 Gnats, 4 RN Wessex plus the Warton Rescue Whirlwind HAR. XG597 was also involved. This was most probably FAW.2 XJ558 RNAY Sydenham which was airborne on a test flight on 4.12 and disappeared without trace over Belfast Lough.

Thursday 7th December 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/L Ridge
Search carried out 340/2.5nms from Skerries Lighthouse after an object was sighted by one of the detached RN Gannets, nothing seen.				

Tuesday 12th December 1967 [@MAR 03/17][AIR 27/3039]

Whirlwind HAR.10's of 22 Sqn grounded, see 13.12				
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL600:83 4 FTS visited Chivenor.				

Wednesday 13th December 1967 [BJ][MC 1/68][AIR 29/3796][MB]

G-AMFU	-	DH.104 Dove 6	Scottish Avn	From Speke
		Wessex HC.2*	72 Sqn	SAR cover
*The Whirlwind HAR.10's of 22 Sqn were grounded after the loss of a Queens Flight Whirlwind HCC.12 XR487 following a main gearbox failure. By 13.12.67 Wessex HC.2 helicopters were operating out of: Acklington/Chivenor/Coltishall/Leconfield/Leuchars/Manston/Thorney Island and Valley with 22 & 202 Sqn. Grounding started 7.12, restrictions lifted 27.12.67 and the Wessex departed back to 72 Sqn, 22 Sqn mentions the Wessex arriving 14.12				
Based noted: Hunter F.6 XG204 from 5 MU Kemble for 4 FTS – became '70'				

Thursday 14th December 1967 [AIR 27/3081][MB]

XS609		Andover C.1	46 Sqn	SAR Standby F/L Peters
Routed: Abingdon-Odiham-Valley-Acklington-Valley-Abingdon.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR569:08 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 14.7.67				
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XP509	09	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	
Airbrakes selected in error instead of undercarriage, aircraft landed on its belly. Damaged beyond repair. Initially assessed as CAT.4R but changed to CAT.5[C] on 5.3.68				
Pilot				Ok

Monday 18th December 1967 [AIR 29/3796][AIR 27/3081]

XS609		Andover C.1	46 Sqn	SAR Standby
Routed: Abingdon-Odiham-Chivenor-Valley-Leuchars-Acklington-Leconfield-Coltishall-Odiham-Abingdon.				
	-	Cessna	Private	
Diversion from Villacoublay, crew vaccinated against smallpox.				

Wednesday 20th December 1967 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP504:04 4 FTS delivered to CFS becoming '95'				

Thursday 21st December 1967 [AIR 29/3071]

WR978	[A]	Shackleton MR.3	42 Sqn	PD F/L R Patterson
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Friday 22nd December 1967 [AIR 29/3796]

		Britannia C.1	99/511 Sqn	
From Lyneham to Ballykelly with Northern Irish Servicemen.				

Sunday 24th December 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

		Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
Carried out the annual Xmas Skerries Lighthouse Hamper run.				

Thursday 28th December 1967 [AIR 27/3039]

XP361	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	From Chivenor
		Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	To Odiham 14:00
The Whirlwind was flown up from Chivenor and undertook the SAR cover once the Wessex departed, see also 13.12				