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RAF Valley

Aircraft Movements

1968

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A host of movements annotated 'anon' are from an enthusiast who kept a log of visitor movements at Valley from mid-1967 to 1968, he was then posted to Changi, Singapore. If anyone has any idea who he/she is please contact the author to ensure they are properly accredited.

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25.5.68 photo of Hunter at Upper Heyford Airshow. Additional Unit movements: 204/210 Sqn. Additional logbook movements. Additional Gnat/Hunter details by Mike Bursell.

SUMMARY

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

AKG	AufklarungsGruppe [W German AF Reconnaissance Unit]
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
CATCS	Central Air Traffic Control School
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
SCS	Southern Communications Squadron
RRE	Radar Research Establishment
Sqn	Squadron
TFS/TFW	Tactical Fighter Squadron/Wing
TRS/TRW	Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron/Wing [USAF]
TTF	Tanker Training Flight
UAS	University Air Squadron

RAF Valley based Aircraft at the beginning of 1968.

Gnat T.1 4 FTS

XR538:01 XP502:02 XP503:03 XP504:04 XR535:05 XP506:06 XP537:07 XR569:08 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 XR954:30
XR952:31 XP532:32 XP533:33 XR541:34 XR544:35 XS105:35 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

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

Whirlwind HAR.10 C Flight/22 Sqn

[XP354] [XP355]

In 1968 RAF Valley were using the following ATC frequencies:

Valley Ground 269.5

Valley Tower 384.4

Valley Approach 374.1

Valley Director 250.4

Valley Talkdown 254.3

Aberporth Range Primary 250.5/Secondary 272.8





Although undated the 'silver/dayglo' Gnats outside the large Gaydon Hangar would point to between 1964 & 1970 when the Gnats started to be painted red/white. Additionally the 'new' ATC Tower is present and this was opened in March 1963. The old USAAF buildings from WW2 can be seen to the left of the Tower in the first image. [Dick Thomas Collection]

January 1968 [AIR 29/3797]

Station Flight handled 138 movements.

Tuesday 2nd January 1968 [Pprune MAINJAVAD][AIR 29/3670&4516]

[145[R]Sqn]/226 OCU arrived from Coltishall for their MPC.

Phase 1 2-17.1, 6 Firestreak missiles fired.

Phase 2 19.2-23.2

		Lightning F.1A	226 OCU	MPC
		Lightning F.1A	226 OCU	MPC
		Lightning F.1A	226 OCU	MPC
		Lightning T.4	226 OCU	MPC
		Lightning T.4	226 OCU	MPC
		Lightning T.4	226 OCU	MPC

Aircrew involved were:

S/L Carlton, Maj Ruth [USAF], F/L's Morgan/Chick/Galpin/Bond/Scott/Moore/Love/Rowe.

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Based noted:

Gnat T.1 XR571:23 4 FTS F/L Grindon PD Warton.

Wednesday 3rd January 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

		Devon C.2		To Leuchars to pick up XP347
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XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Delivery from Leuchars

Thursday 4th January 1968 [BJ][AIR 29/3797][MAR 02/20][AIR 27/3072]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
WR984	C	Shackleton MR.3	42 Sqn	Diversion F/L Earl
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XP361	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' Sgt Jones
MEDEVAC of patient with a perforated ulcer and spitting blood from SS Silversand located 26nm SW of Bardsey Island. Initially the wrong ship was located but eventually the correct one was found. Patient was stretchered and flown to Bangor Hospital. 2 Gnat T.1's provided top cover [XR951:26 and XS102:58] during the incident.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR544:35 XR983:53 XS107:63 4 FTS all visited Lossiemouth.				

Friday 5th January [AIR 27/3072]

WR984	C	Shackleton MR.3	42 Sqn	To St Mawgan, see 4.1
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Tuesday 9th January 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
W/C Burton from the Ministry of Technology flown over the Straits to assess suitability for Hovercraft operations.				

Thursday 11th January 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3040]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
Maj Dixon of Western Command flown around the Menai Straits to select suitable landing sites in conjunction with the Prince of Wales Investiture.				

Sunday 14th January 1968 [AIR 27/3183]

WL793		Shackleton MR.2	210 Sqn	F/L Clark
Routed: Ballykelly-Valley-Lyneham-Ballykelly.				

Tuesday 16th January 1968 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Friday 19th January 1968 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR954:30 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 21.2				

Sunday 21st January 1968 [MB]

Based noted:				

Gnat T.1 XR537:37 returned from Bitteswell post repairs [or 3.4.68 ?] see 6.11.67

Monday 22nd January 1968 [AIR 29/3797]

Flying training with CFS[H] Whirlwinds restarts after the grounding of Whirlwind aircraft on 7.12.67, see also 13.12.67

Wednesday 24th January 1968 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Thursday 25th January 1968 [MAR 02/20]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP508:21 XP540:40 XR999:56 4 FTS all visited Lossiemouth.				

Friday 26th January 1968 [MAR 02/20]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR535:05 XP513:13 XP536:27 XP540:40 XS107:61 4 FTS all visited Lossiemouth.				

Saturday 27th January 1968 [BJ][AIR 29/3797]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Sunday 28th January 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Spilsbury
Involved in a search for a 15yr old boy missing from a boat off River Clwyd at Rhyl. Nothing seen but the boy's body was later found wedged under a railway bridge.				

February 1968 [AIR 29/3797]

Station Flight handled 177 visitors.				

Thursday 1st February 1968 [Pprune MAINJAVAD][AIR 29/3797][AIR 27/3018][@MAR 12/19]

11 Sqn arrived from for their MPC with 6 aircraft. 11 Sqn MPC 1-16.2, 2 Firestreak & 3 Red Top Missiles fired. Unable to fire any missiles during the first week due to a combination of weather and target availability.				
XS918	B	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XS930	F	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XS932	H	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning	11 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning	11 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning	11 Sqn	MPC

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP502:02 XR997:25 XP536:27 XR983:53 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.

Friday 2nd February 1968 [AIR 27/3021][AIR 29/3797][AIR 27/3040]

G/C W E Colahan assumes command of the Station.				
		Canberra B[I].8	14 Sqn	F/L Smith
From and to Wildenrath.				
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XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Search for a single seat light aircraft reported as crashing in the Dee Estuary off Ffynnongroew by 2 Irish workmen. Search carried out and Preston ATC informed that no aircraft were missing, witnesses then came forward saying the aircraft had been seen to climb away, so search stopped. Then diverted for a further search for a dinghy which later transpired to be the Lifeboat, which was involved in the original search, aircraft then returned to Valley.				

Friday 9th February 1968 [BJ][@MAR 12/19]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	To Speke
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP542:42 XR980:48 4 FTS both visited Lossiemouth, weekend stop.				

Tuesday 12th February 1968 [logbook]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS106:36 4 FTS Lt McManus visited Leuchars.				

Wednesday 13th February 1968 [MC 3/68][AIR 27/3018][@MAR 12/19]

11 Sqn MPC 1x Red Top fired [XS932:H][S/L Collins] 1x Red Top fired [XS918:B][Maj Priest] 1x Firestreak fired [XS930:F][F/L Mace] 1x Firestreak fired [XS930:F][F/L Laughlin]				
G-ASVE	-	Beech Queen Air	Private	To Birmingham
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP534:15 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Thursday 15th February 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3018]

11 Sqn MPC 1x Red Top fired [XS918:B][W/C Blucke]				
G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke

Monday 19th February 1968 [Pprune MAINJAVAD][AIR 29/3670&4516][AIR 27/3213]

145[R]Sqn/226 OCU arrived from Coltishall for phase 2 of their MPC. 226 OCU MPC 19-23.2, Phase 2 [see 2.1.68] 4 Firestreak missiles fired.				
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		?x Lightning	226 OCU	MPC
WD157		Valetta C.1	MCS	'RRR5477' 226 OCU support
Routed: Northolt-Coltishall-Valley-Northolt, arrived at 09:35 & departed 10:05.				

Tuesday 20th February 1968 [AIR 27/3136]

XM496	496	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	'RRR6349' F/L J W Kleynhans
Diverted in on Akrotiri-Lyneham leg.				

Wednesday 21st February 1968 [AIR 27/3136]

XM496	496	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	To Lyneham, see 20.2
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Thursday 22nd February 1968 [AIR 29/3797][AIR 27/3040]

		?		Secretary State for Wales
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XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Ridge
2 Bangor University students missing on Snowdon since 21.2 area searched from Clogwyn station to Llyn Du'r Arddu but hampered by deep snow drifts and severe turbulence, nothing seen and returned to Valley. Later that day the same aircraft/crew were informed that the bodies of the students had been found but due to the conditions the helicopter would be the best option to retrieve the bodies. The helicopter picked up members of the MRT at Llanberis and flew them to a position close to where the bodies were, the bodies were then flown down to Llanberis, and the helicopter returned to pick up the MRT personnel before returning to Valley.				

Friday 23rd February 1968 [BJ][Pprune snakecharmer Father's logbook*][AIR 27/3213][MB]

WD157		Valetta C.1	MCS	'RRR5482' 226 OCU return
Routed: Northolt-Valley-Coltishall-Northolt, arrived 12:50 & departed 13:30.				
G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
XH593	-	Victor BK.1A*	TTF	PD F/L W L Thompson
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP515:55 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 23.8.67				

Monday 26th February 1968 [AIR 29/3797]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
CASEVAC of 14yr old youth who was badly injured in the same area as the 2 deceased students on 23.2				

Tuesday 27th February 1968 [AIR 27/3021]

		Canberra B[I].8	14 Sqn	F/O Pluck
From Wildenrath, unserviceable after landing with a severe fuel leak.				
		Canberra B[I].8	14 Sqn	F/L Airey
Flew in with spares for the other 14 Sqn aircraft but then suffered a generator failure before take-off and also became stranded!				

Wednesday 28th February 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3021][AIR 29/3797][AIR 27/3040]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
		Canberra B[I].8	14 Sqn	F/O Pluck to Wildenrath, see 27.2
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XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/L Ridge
CASEVAC of 6yr old boy injured in RTA from Llanbedr to Bangor Hospital. [Ivor Jones 6 from Barmouth. The helicopter had been refuelling at Llanbedr after a NAVEX when the call came in.				

Thursday 29th February 1968 [AIR 27/3021]

		Canberra B[I].8	14 Sqn	To Wildenrath F/L Airey see 27.2
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March 1968 [SB]

XK624	32	Vampire T.11	CFS	From Little Rissington
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Parked on VASF behind the ATC Tower
[Steve Bond Collection]



Illustrating the Foreign Hunter Training at Valley, this is 36 Course on their completion.

AVM H Burton DSO AOC 23 Group
W/C D J Edwards OC Flying Wing, Valley
Prince Bandar bin Faisal Al Saud [R Saudi AF]
Prince Muhammad bin Saad Al Saud [R Saudi AF]
Prince Muhammad Abdullah [R Saudi AF]
Prince Faisal Abdullah [R Saudi AF]
Prince Abdullah Ashathry [R Saudi AF]
2nd Lt Jamal
Officer Cadet Mula [R Jordanian AF]
[Dick Thomas Collection]

Friday 1st March 1968 [AIR 29/3681]

XH646	-	Victor K.1	TTF	PD S/L J W Allen
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Sunday 3rd March 1968 [Pprune MAINJAVAD][Pprune CharlieJuliet logbook*][AIR 29/3797][AIR 27/3051]

29 Sqn arrived from Wattisham for their MPC.				
29 Sqn MPC 3-12.3, 4 Red Top missiles fired.				
		Lightning	29 Sqn	MPC S/L Carter
		Lightning	29 Sqn	MPC F/L Clee
		Lightning	29 Sqn	MPC F/L Pearse
		Lightning	29 Sqn	MPC F/O Bettell
		Lightning	29 Sqn	MPC F/O Abbott

		Lightning	29 Sqn	MPC F/O Hayward
		Lightning F.1	29 Sqn	MPC F/L McDonald
29 Sqn ORB mentions F/L Gross flying a spare radar bullet in.				
		?		F/L Gross
XT910	[910]	Phantom FGR.2*	228 OCU	
*From Coningsby to Valley to find better weather. 1 local sortie flown before RTB.				

Wednesday 4th March 1968 [AIR 29/3681]

XH647	-	Victor K.1A	TTF	PD S/L J W Allen
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Tuesday 5th March 1968 [BJ][DF][@MAR 11/19][AIR 27/3040][MB]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
WF917	-	Canberra B.2*	RRE	From & to Pershore
*Thunderbird 2 trials with TERA, Ty Croes.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR953:29 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth N/stop. Gnat T.1 XP502:02 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R repaired on site by 60 MU from 11.3 Gnat T.1 XP538:38 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 11.3				

Wednesday 6th March 1968 [AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3127]

XL190	-	Victor B.2	100 Sqn	Diversion S/L D Wells
Diverted due to cross wind at Wittering.				
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XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' Sgt Jones
Injured seaman to be transferred from MV 'Metric' 1.5nms N of Holyhead Harbour to Bangor Hospital. On arrival the SMO decided to stay with the patient rather than move him and the ship set sail for Holyhead. Seaman was later discharged from Hospital and joined his ship.				

Thursday 7th March 1968 [AIR 27/3137]

XL190	-	Victor B.2	100 Sqn	To Wittering, see 6.3
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Friday 8th March 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3213][AIR 4/232]

XR697	56	JP T.4	3 FTS	F/L Whitely
From & to				
WV703		Pembroke C.1	MCS	'RRR5127'
Maj/Gen Al Harithi, R Saudi AF visited and flew with 22 Sqn. Routed: Northolt-Valley-St Mawgan-Northolt, arrived 09:20 & departed 09:35.				
Based noted: Whirlwind HAR.10 XP347:Z [22 Sqn] 'LNX46' visited Speke.				

Tuesday 12th March 1968 [AIR 27/2942][@MAR 11/19][AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3195]

XM650	-	Vulcan B.2	50 Sqn	F/L H M Davies
Exercise Kinsman from Waddington, no notice dispersal.				

XR140	140	Argosy C.1	267 Sqn	'RRR4532' F/L R H Paice
Routed: Benson-Waddington-Valley-Waddington-Valley-Benson. Exercise Kinsman support.				
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise carried out with Pwllheli Lifeboat.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR977:46 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Wednesday 13th March 1968 [AIR 27/2942]

XM650	-	Vulcan B.2	50 Sqn	To Waddington, see 12.3.
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Thursday 14th March 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3149][AIR 27/3213]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
		[Whirlwind]	[Brawdy]	
S/Lt's Savage, Bailey, and Barker from the RN SAR detachment at Brawdy visited 22 Sqn, did they arrive by air ? [Brawdy were operating Whirlwind HAS.7 XN263:13:BY & HAR.9's XN311:14:BY & XN305:15:BY in 1968]				
WV703		Pembroke C.1	MCS	'RRR5121'
Routed: Northolt-St Mawgan-Valley-Sydenham-Brize Norton-Northolt. Arrived 10:30 & departed 13:55.				
XR140	140	Argosy C.1	114 Sqn	'RRR4533' F/L Porter
Routed: Benson-Valley-Waddington-Valley-Waddington-Benson. Returning Exercise 'Kinsman' support, see 12.3				

Friday 15th March 1968 [@MAR 04/17]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP537:07 4 FTS visited Chivenor.				

Sunday 17th March 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Spilsbury
Boy who had fallen off an island into the water in the Dee Estuary, after an extensive search the lowering tide revealed the boy's body.				

Monday 18th March 1968 [anon]

XS767	-	Basset CC.1	NCS	
XS774	-	Basset CC.1	SCS	

Tuesday 19th March 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3060]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
XM571	-	Vulcan B.2	35 Sqn	F/L J A Bayliss, Exercise 'Kinsman'

Wednesday 20th March 1968 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP511:11 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 20.10.67				

Thursday 21st March 1968 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Tuesday 26th March 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/L Ridge
Boat firing red flares .75nm N of the Great Orme, on arrival the boat was under tow by the Llandudno Lifeboat.				

Saturday 30th March 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Sgt Jones
Whilst overflying Trearddur Bay on a training flight, a group of divers were seen to be waving their arms. On closer inspection their boat was partially collapsed, and a woman onboard required to be taken to shore, this was carried out and no further assistance required.				

Sunday 31st March 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Ridyard
Boat stuck at OS 106/292809, on arrival boat found aground on a shingle bank with its propellor disengaged. Winchman held the boat whilst the owner who had 2 small sons with reattached the propellor and the engine started, boat was driven to shore whilst the helicopter flew alongside.				

April 1968 [AIR 29/3797]

Station Flight handled 151 visitors.				
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Monday 1st April 1968 [FC site eLaRef][AIR 27/3195]

		Hunter FGA.9	1 Sqn	F/O Barry Horton
Dropped toilet rolls & leaflets celebrating the 50 th Anniversary of the RAF. Various 1 Sqn aircraft dropped leaflets & toilet rolls at various RAF bases partly as no other airborne celebrations were planned. This culminated in F/L Alan Pollock of 1 Sqn flying 'through' the Tower of London Bridge. He was put under close arrest after landing.				
XP409	409	Argosy C.1*	114 Sqn	'RRR4562' F/L David
XN847	847	Argosy C.1*	267 Sqn	'RRR4563' F/L D C Milner
*Both from Benson to St Athan.				
XM417	[16]	JP T.3	[6 FTS]	
Based noted 1/2.4.68: Gnat T.1 4 FTS XP503:03 XP537:07 XP506:06 XP537:07 XP509:09 XP510:10 XP511:11 XP513:13 XP534:15 XP516:16 XR567:17 XR545:18 XR572:19 XP508:21 XR574:24 XR997:25 XR951:26 XP536:27 XR948:28 XR953:29 XP532:32 XR544:35 XP538:38 XP539:39 XP540:40 XP542:42 XR955:43 XP531:45 XR977:46 XR998:47 XR980:48 XR982:51 XR984:52 XR983:53 XP535:54 XP515:55				

XS102:58 XS105:60 XS110:62 XS109:63
 XP501 ? XP505 ?
 Hunter F.6 4 FTS
 XG274:71 XF384:72 XF509:73
 Hunter T.7 4 FTS
 XL609:80 XL591:82 XL567:84
 Whirlwind HAR.10 C Flight/22 Sqn
 XJ764 XP353
 Whirlwind HAR.10 CFS Detachment
 XP344:W-K XP331:W-T

Fire Dump/Section:
 Meteor T.7 WA658 Ex. GWDS
 Gnat T.1 XP512:12 Ex. 4 FTS w/o 23.8.67
 Valletta T.3 WJ479:N Ex. 2 ANS
 Vampire T.11 XD385 to the dump 9.3.65

Tuesday 2nd April 1968 [AIR 27/3149]

XP409	409	Argosy C.1*	114 Sqn	'RRR4562' F/L David
XN847	847	Argosy C.1*	267 Sqn	'RRR4563' F/L Milner
*Both from St Athan to Benson, see also 1.4				

Wednesday 3rd April 1968 [@MAR 05/17][AIR 27/3040][MB]

WH166		Meteor T.7	5 MU	From & to Kemble
Dropped off a passenger.				
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL600:83 4 FTS visited Chivenor.				

Thursday 4th April 1968 [AIR 29/3797][AIR 27/3040]

XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' Sgt Jones
Scrambled to a AAC Sioux AH.1 crash in Snowdonia, on arrival informed by another Sioux of the location as OS 107/562534, nothing seen at this location so headed to Snowdon where the crashed aircraft was found at 107/618537. Both pilots were picked up and flown to Valley, neither were injured. [Capt Ronald McBride [Canadian Army] & Capt Tony Howgate both from AAC, Middle Wallop. [could possibly be Sioux AH.1 XT193:N ARWF which was CAT.4 up for disposal during a visit to Middle Wallop on 22.5.68]				
XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Distress flares seen offshore Porth Glmon, search carried out, but nothing seen.				

Friday 5th April 1968 [MC 5/68]

XT137	[D]	Sioux AH.1	ARWF/AAC	To Staverton
XT186	[L]	Sioux AH.1	ARWF/AAC	To Staverton

Saturday 6th April 1968 [BJ][AIR 29/3797][AIR 27/3040]

G-AVAS	-	Cessna F172H	Private	From Speke, back 8.4. Westair
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XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'Z-46/PEDRO22' F/O Spilsbury
Recalled from a training flight and after refuelling tasked to a youth who had fallen 100ft 1nm S of Fairbourne, located casualty who was stretchered and flown to Gobowen Hospital, Oswestry.				

Sunday 7th April 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3040]

XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' Sgt Jones
MEDEVAC - 2yr old boy flown to Liverpool Airport.				

Tuesday 9th April 1968 [AIR 29/3681]

XH593	-	Victor K.1A	TTF	PD F/L W T E Cox
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Wednesday 10th April 1968 [Pprune Bill Macgillivray logbook*][@MAR 10/19]

XP615	35	JP T.4*	1 FTS	PD from Linton
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP540:40 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Thursday 11th April 1968 [@MAR 10/19][MB]

WZ476		Vampire T.11	[19 MU]	
Routed: St Athan-Kemble-Valley.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR541:34 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Friday 12th April 1968 [MC 5/68]

G-AKIO	-	Miles Messenger 2A	Private	From Halfpenny Green
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Saturday 13th April 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise carried out with Beaumaris & Hoylake Lifeboats.				

Sunday 14th April 1968 [BJ][AB Dig68]

F-BNMI	-	Beech Musketeer	EE Co.	From & to Speke, dep 15.4
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Monday 15th April 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Ridge
Man stranded on sandbank at Talacre, on arrival informed man had already been rescued.				

Tuesday 16th April 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Ridyard
3 children stranded at Little Orme, on arrival informed by Police that the incident was closed				

Thursday 18th April 1968 [AIR 27/3021][@MAR 10/19][AIR 27/3040]

		Canberra B[I].8	14 Sqn	F/O Morton from & to Wildenrath
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AOC 19 Group, AVM J H Lapsley inspected 22 Sqn, by air ?				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS106:36 XP535:54 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Friday 19th April 1968 [AIR 27/3021][AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3149]

		Canberra B[I].8	14 Sqn	F/L Sewell
From and to Wildenrath.				
XP410	410	Argosy C.1	114 Sqn	'RRR4586' F/L Taylor
Routed: Benson-Bassingbourn-Valley.				
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise carried out with Holyhead Lifeboat.				

Saturday 20th April 1968 [AIR 27/3149]

XP410	410	Argosy C.1	114 Sqn	'RRR4586' to Benson, see 19.4
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Sunday 21st April 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3040]

G-APAF	-	Auster 5	Private*	To Speke
*Yorkshire Territorial Flying Group				
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise carried out with Territorial Army at Aberffraw.				

Tuesday 23rd April 1968 [AIR 27/3021][@MAR 10/19]

		Canberra B[I].8	14 Sqn	F/L Jones
From and to Wildenrath.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR572:19 XR982:51 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth. XR982 returned 2.5				

Wednesday 24th April 1968 [BJ][@MAR 10/19]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR569:08 XR997:25 XR948:28 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Thursday 25th April 1968 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Friday 26th April 1968 [@MAR 10/19][anon][MB]

XV190	190	Hercules C.1	36 Sqn	
WJ640	[F]	Canberra B.2	85 Sqn	
WK608	[906:-]	Chipmunk T.10	BRNC Flt	[Britannia Flight]
Britannia Royal Naval College.				

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS106:36 XS110:62 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth. Gnat T.1 XP510:10 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R repaired on site from 30.4				
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Saturday 27th April 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
Young fallen off a cliff near the Great Orme Lighthouse, on arrival casualty stretchered and flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Monday 29th April 1968 [@MAR 10/19][AIR 27/3040]

		Pembroke C.1	NCS	To Baldonnel, see 30.4
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR541:34 XR999:56 XS110:62 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Tuesday 30th April 1968 [BJ][AIR 29/3797][@MAR 05/17]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10*	22 Sqn	
*Weeklong detachment to Baldonnel, Ireland. A NCS [Northern Communications Squadron] Pembroke C.1 [possibly either WV753 or XL929] was used as support. The Whirlwind should have gone on the 29.4 but became unserviceable after take-off and returned with the Pembroke. The Pembroke later departed 29.4 to Baldonnel to await the helicopter.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS109:63 4 FTS visited Chivenor, silver/dayglo. *Hunter 4 FTS flew to St Mawgan to pick up a spare part for the above Whirlwind.				

Tuesday 30th April 1968

Fighter Command Missile Practice Camp [FCMPC] re-designated STCAAME [Strike Command Air to Air Missile Establishment]				
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May 1968 [AIR 29/3797]

Station Flight handled 314 visitors including 6 VIP.				
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Wednesday 1st May 1968 [Pprune PE_3721 logbook*]

5 Sqn arrived for their MPC. 5 Sqn MPC 1-17.5, 3 Firestreak & 2 Red Top Missiles fired, one Firestreak fired 28.4				
XS898	K	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC S/L G Taylor
		Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC F/L J Allison
		Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC F/L S Miller
		Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC F/O J Walmsley
		Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC F/O J Leeming
XR763	[G]	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	

Thursday 2nd May 1968 [AIR 27/3011][@MAR 09/19][AIR 29/3681]

5 Sqn MPC				
XS898	K	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	
Whilst acting as photochase on a MPC sortie a piece of debris hit the windscreen, aircraft landed safely at Valley.				
XH615	-	Victor K.1A	TTF	PD S/L J W Allen
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR538:01 XR572:19 XR980:48 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth. Gnat T.1 XR982:51 4 FTS from Lossiemouth, see 23.4				

Friday 3rd May 1968 [GP][ManAS*][@MAR 09/19]

WD365	[H]	Chipmunk T.10	8 AEF	W/e stop, dep 5.5
WG417	[X]	Chipmunk T.10	8 AEF	W/e stop, dep 5.5
WG488	[Z]	Chipmunk T.10	8 AEF	W/e stop, dep 5.5
*Formation led by CO F/Lt John Hardless. Arrived at 17:30. Of note is the fact that the Gnats of 4 FTS were flying the next day, a Saturday. Departed at 15:30 on Sunday 5.5 back to Shawbury having flown 47 Air Cadets over the weekend.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR953:29 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Saturday 4th May 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' Sgt Jones
Child fallen into the water off Great Orme, on arrival after a short search an object was located which turned out to be the child, body was recovered by divers.				

Sunday 5th May 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Photography of high and low tides at Menai Bridge and Dinas Bach taken for Bangor University.				

Monday 6th May 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3040]

G-AMFU	-	DH.104 Dove 6	Scottish Avn	From Speke
XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' Sgt Jones
Launch drifting towards Great Orme, on arrival launch located and Winchman lowered and told it only required a tow, helicopter waited until Lifeboat arrived.				
XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' Sgt Jones
2 occupants in a dinghy overdue off Anglesey, dinghy located, and no further assistance required.				

Tuesday 7th May 1968 [BJ][@MAR 09/19][AIR 27/3213][MB]

WV704		Pembroke C.1	MCS	'RRR1741' VIP
Routed: Northolt-White Waltham-Valley-White Waltham-Northolt. Arrived 11:40 & departed 14:50.				
G-AVIX	-	Cessna 337B	Private	To Speke, H Fairweather

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR955:43 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 9.5 Gnat T.1 XR997:25 XR951:26 XP540:40 XS109:63 4 FTS all visited Lossiemouth.				
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Wednesday 8th May 1968 [DF][AIR 27/3040][anon]

WJ913	-	Varsity T.1	RRE	From Pershore, N/stop.
G-AVIX	-	Cessna 337B	Private	
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise carried out with Pwllheli Lifeboat.				

Thursday 9th May 1968 [DF][@MAR 09/19][AIR 27/3040][MB]

WJ913	-	Varsity T.1	RRE	To Pershore
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise carried out with Abersoch Lifeboat.				
XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/L Ridge
Red flare seen on a bearing of 268degs from Ty Croes, on arrival a tug with a boat in tow was seen and the Winchman lowered. Informed that no flare had been fired or sighted, search carried out to 12nms, nothing seen. A Gnat from Valley provided top cover for this incident.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR954:30 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 19.1.68 Gnat T.1 XR999:56 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Friday 10th May 1968 [@MAR 05/17]

Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL609:80 XL600:83 4 FTS visited Chivenor. Gnat T.1 XR535:05 4 FTS Biggin Hill Airshow, flying.				

Saturday 11th May 1968 [@MAR 09/18][AIR 27/3040]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
SAR Competition held at Valley to choose representative crew to go to Denmark for the International SAR Competition in June 1968. Did any additional helicopters visit ?				
Based noted: Hunter F.6 XF509:73 4 FTS Lakenheath Airshow, camo.				

Sunday 12th May 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Photography of high and low tides at Menai Bridge and Dinas Bach taken for Bangor University.				

Monday 13th May 1968 [@MAR 09/19]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR997:25 XP536:27 XS102:58 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Tuesday 14th May 1968 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR981:49 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 22.11.67				

Wednesday 15th May 1968 [AIR 27/3149][anon][MB]

XR142	142	Argosy C.1	114 Sqn	'RRR4544' S/L Hardstaff
Routed: Benson-Coltishall-Binbrook-Valley-Binbrook-Coltishall-Benson. [Lightning MPC support ?]				
XS711	[F]	Dominie T.1	1 ANS	
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR954:30 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing, return date unknown.				

Thursday 16th May 1968 [@MAR 09/19]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR544:35 & XR977:46 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Friday 17th May 1968 [@MAR 09/19][AIR 27/3040][anon]

G-ATFV	-	Bell 47J	Private	
VP973	-	Devon C.1	NCS	
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Stn Cdr, G/C Colahan flown to the 4 FTS aircrew survival camps at Trefriw.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP534:15 XP508:21 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth. Gnat T.1 XR954:30 4 FTS noted at Kemble on overhaul.				

Saturday 18th May 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' Sgt Jones
Cabin cruiser drifting onto rocks at Traeth Bychan, on arrival the boat was anchored in heavy surf. A woman and 2 small girls were airlifted onto the beach and a further lift carried out on the remaining occupant to shore. [Mr P Wontner and Family from Staffordshire]				

Sunday 19th May 1968 [Mike Bagshaw]

WK553	[A]	Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	W/e stop
WP804	[D]	Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	W/e stop
WP871	[Z]	Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	W/e stop
KP221	221	Dakota IV	1 CAD	RCAF 1 st Canadian Air Division



With Gnat T.1 XR535:05 4 FTS in the background. [Both: Mike Bagshaw]

661		Dakota III	1 CAD	[Became ZA947 eventually]
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Monday 20th May 1968 [@MAR 09/19]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP533:33 XR977:46 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth, night stop.				

Tuesday 21st May 1968 [@MAR 05/17][anon]



[Dick Thomas Collection]

XK624	32	Vampire T.11	CFS	
XS101	101	Gnat T.1	CFS	VASF
[XN508]	32	JP T.3	[1 FTS]	VASF
VZ508	[-]	Meteor F.8	5 CAACU	VASF
64-0896	-	F-4C	92 TFS/81 TFW	VASF
G-AREA	-	DH.104 Dove 8	Private	

Based noted:

Hunter T.7 XL622:81 4 FTS visited Chivenor.

Wednesday 22nd May 1968 [AIR 29/3797][AIR 29/3978][anon]

Visit by the President of Malawi.				
XS790	-	Andover CC.2	Queens Flt	'KITTYHAWK4'
Routed: Benson-Valley-Benson.				
G-AVKZ	-	PA-23 Aztec	Private	
G-AWER	-	PA-23 Aztec	Private	

Thursday 23rd May 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3040][anon]

XS790	-	Andover CC.2	Queens Flt	'KITTYHAWK4'
Picked up the President of Malawi, see 22.5. Routed: Benson-Valley-Northolt-Benson.				
G-AVXF	-	PA-28R Cherokee	Private	From Speke
XS773	-	Basset CC.1	NCS	
AOC's inspection of Valley, by air ?				
XS766	-	Basset CC.1	NCS	
G-AVZT	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	

Saturday 25th May 1968 [@MAR 09/18]

Based noted:				
				
Hunter F.6 XG204:70 4 FTS Upper Heyford Airshow. [A W Evans]				

Sunday 26th May 1968 [anon]

G-ARGY	-	PA-22 Tri Pacer	Private	
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Monday 27th May 1968 [anon]

G-AOIR	-	Thrupton Jackaroo	Private	
G-AVRP	-	PA-28 Cherokee	Private	

Tuesday 28th May 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3040]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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G-ARYH	-	PA-22 Tri Pacer	Private	
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XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
Fallen climber on Conway Mountain [OS 107/750770]. Doctor I W Jones & Sister E Thomas picked up at Bangor enroute to the incident. 3 ambulances sighted at the grid position and a party of people including a stretcher case sighted at OS 107/758778. Landed alongside and the Doctor having examined the casualty pronounced him dead, the body with the Sister and PC 118 Williams were flown to Llandudno Hospital, Medical personnel dropped off at Bangor on the return flight to Valley. [Richard Forshaw 15 from Wigan]				

June 1968 [AIR 29/3797][AIR 27/3091]

Station Flight handled 168 visitors including 2 VIP. Hunter displays: Debden/Filton/Hucknall/Sleep. Gnat displays: Church Fenton/N Weald/Waterbeach/Wethersfield. Mona was closed due to resurfacing. 56 Sqn's MPC from Cyprus was cancelled due to problems overflying French Airspace.

Saturday 1st June 1968 [BJ][BAR 68/06][AIR 27/3040][anon]

G-AVIE	-	Cessna F172H	Private	From Speke
G-AVEF	-	Jodel Mascaret	Private	From Speke
G-AVAS	-	Cessna F172H	Private	From & to Speke, dep 4.6
G-AKUW	-	Super Ace	Private	
G-ARTL	-	Tiger Moth	Private	
G-ATTM	-	Jodel DR250	Private	
G-ARDD	-	Emeraude	Private	
F-BJYC	-	Jodel DR1050	Private	
OY-DKU	-	KZ-111	Private	
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XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/L Ridge
Report of excessive smoke coming from a ship 5nms W of Trearddur Bay, on arrival the 80 tonne cruiser 'Arabis' was very much ablaze, and a yacht 'Alert' was in attendance and had taken onboard the 5 occupants of the 'Arabis' from a dinghy. Winchman was lowered and swam over to the 'Alert' but was informed that although suffering from shock and slightly hurt the survivors did not require to be airlifted by the helicopter. Holyhead Lifeboat was contacted and guide to the 'Alert.' The SMO was lowered onto the Lifeboat and was transferred to the 'Alert' staying with it until the Harbour. ['Arabis' owner: Mr M Simson, Manchester]				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR537:37 4 FTS Wethersfield Airshow, static. Hunter F.6 XG204:70 4 FTS Wethersfield Airshow.				

Monday 3rd June 1968 [BAR 68/07]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR537:37 4 FTS Church Fenton Air Day.				

Hunter F.6 XF384:72 4 FTS Hucknall Air Day.

Tuesday 4th June 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

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

Wednesday 5th June 1968 [@MAR 08/19][AIR 27/3040]

XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Spilsbury
White cabin cruiser firing a red flare between Puffin Island and Llandudus[Llandudno?] Winchman lowered onto the decks of 'Argus' and a small fishing boat, neither had seen any flares so helicopter returned to Valley after a further search. Later informed that a boat with steering trouble had been towed into Conwy by a Rescue Boat.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP539:39 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Thursday 6th June 1968 [@MAR 08/19][AIR 27/3040]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Involved in Operation Gas Float, search for WW1 gas cylinders in Morecambe Bay.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR572:19 XP531:45 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Friday 7th June 1968 [@MAR 06/17 & 08/19][AIR 27/3040]

XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Ridyard
Dinghy with 2 small boys drifting out to sea opposite the Imperial Hotel Llandudno. On arrival a capsized yacht was seen being towed towards the beach, Winchman landed on beach and ascertained this was the dinghy and no further assistance was required.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP534:15 XP530:64 4 FTS visited Chivenor, both silver/dayglo scheme. Gnat T.1 XP514:14 XR953:29 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Saturday 8th June 1968 [AIR 29/3797][AIR 27/3040]

XR999	56	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	
Abandoned over the Irish Sea due to jammed controls. SH2164061671, 8.5nms SSE Valley [200deg/9nms from Valley] Crew were rescued by Whirlwind HAR.10 XP353 22 Sqn 'PEDRO22' [F/L Weaver] 2 double lifts carried out, 1 from his dinghy and the other pilot who was 300yds away from his dinghy. Both taken to Valley SSQ. The wreckage was eventually located by the minesweeper HMS Bronington, see also 12.6. Struck off charge same day.				
Instr	F/L	Alan Holyoake [or Hoylake]	Ejected ok	
Student	P/O	David Moss	Ejected ok	

Monday 10th June 1968 [AIR 27/3040][anon][MB]

G-AWCS	-	Skyvan 3	Private	
G-ARRT	-	Wallis WA116	Private	Autogyro
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Involved in Operation Gas Float, search for WW1 gas cylinders in Morecambe Bay.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP514:14 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 13.6 Hunter F.6 XG185:74 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R[deferred/flyable] [XG185 was repaired on site by 60 MU from 19.9.68] Hunter F.6 XG204:70 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R[deferred] repaired by 60 MU from 13.6				

Tuesday 11th June 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3213][MB]

VP965		Devon C.2	MCS	'RRR5327'
Routed: Northolt-Valley-Northolt, arrived 11:30 & departed 16:30.				
G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Involved in Operation Gas Float again, see 6/10.6				
XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Ridyard
CASEVAC of patient [Maj J Phelps] with serious back injuries from Weeton to Woolwich. Refuelled enroute at Birmingham Airport and after landing at Woolwich proceeded to RAF Bovingdon for a night stop.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR545:18 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 13.6 Gnat T.1 XR954:30 4 FTS noted as being loaned to CFS but for how long.				

Wednesday 12th June 1968 [Lindsay Peacock][AIR 27/3040][MB]

WJ675	E	Canberra T.11	85 Sqn	
	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Flew salvage experts to the MV 'Mandarin' which was searching for the wreckage of the Gnat from 8.6 incident				
XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	From Bovingdon, see 11.6
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP502:02 4 FTS repairs complete, back to 4 FTS see 5.3.68				

Thursday 13th June 1968 [Lindsay Peacock][BJ][SB][anon]

[XA116]	796:BY	Sea Vampire T.22	Brawdy SF	Lt Mike Cole-Hamilton
Arrived with Pete McManus who was a Valley QFI but on departure it refused start.				
G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
G-ATCX	-	Cessna 182H	Private	
XV271	-	Beaver AL.1	AFWF/AAC	
Based noted 12/13.6.68: Gnat T.1 4 FTS XP502:02 XR535:05 XP537:07 XP514:14 XR534:15 XP516:16 XR567:17 XR572:19 XR573:20 XP508:21 XR571:23 XR997:25 XP536:27 XR948:28 XR953:29 XR954:30 XP532:32 XP533:33 XR544:35 XR537:37 XP539:39 XP540:40 XP531:45 XR980:48 XR981:49 XR984:52 XP535:54				

XS100:57 XS110:62 XP530:64
 Hunter F.6 4 FTS
 XG204:70 XG274:71 XF384:72 XF509:73 XG185:74
 Hunter T.7 4 FTS
 XL609:80 XL622:81 XL591:82 XL600:83 XL567:84
 Whirlwind HAR.10 C Flight/22 Sqn
 XJ764 XP353
 Whirlwind HAR.10 CFS Detachment, Ternhill
 XP338:W-N XP331:W-T
 Fire Dump/Section
 Valetta T.3 WJ479:N Ex. 2 ANS



Gnat T.1 XP533:33 4 FTS landing on Runway 14 in those days. The instructor in the back seat can be seen looking around the right-hand side of the front ejection seat headrest.
 [Lindsay Peacock]

Friday 14th June 1968 [AIR 27/3040][SB][AIR 27/3168][MB]

WL758	[W]	Shackelton MR.2	204 Sqn	F/L Childs
Weather diversion from Ballykelly, later departed back to Ballykelly.				
[XA116]	796:BY	Sea Vampire T.22	Brawdy SF	To Brawdy, see 13.6
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XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Ridyard
Capsized boat 1.5nms W of Wylfa Head, turned out to be a log in the water.				
Based noted:				
Gnat T.1 XR535:05 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 26.6				

Saturday 15th June 1968 [BAR 68/07][@MAR 07/16][AIR 27/3040]

XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Weaver
Swimmer in difficulties at Sandy Bay, on arrival F/L Cavanah of CFS was giving CPR, swimmer, and F/L Cavanah flown to Valley SSQ. Patient recovered and returned home next day.				
Based noted:				
Gnat T.1 XS105:60 4 FTS attended Abingdon RAF 50 th Review, static.				

Sunday 16th June 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Ridyard
4 people stranded on a sandbank in Red Wharf Bay, on arrival informed the incident was closed and returned to Valley.				
XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Weaver
Search of sandbanks 1nm N of Caernarfon for 2 missing men in the dark. Illumination flares used but nothing seen, later informed 1 man found alive. A further search was carried out 5hrs later with the same aircraft/crew and a body was located in the water, recovered by Coastguards.				

Monday 17th June 1968 [BJ]

G-ARYR	-	PA-28 Cherokee 180	D J Grant	To Speke
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Tuesday 18th June 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'Z-49/PEDRO22' F/L Ridge
Diverted from a training flight to refuel at Valley before proceeding to a fallen climber at OS 107/612548. Picked up Dr I Jones from Bangor and casualty eventually found at OS 107/618550 and due to the location and cloud base Doctor and Winchman were winched down. Due to descending cloud the Winchman was winched back aboard almost immediately and returned to Valley to refuel. On return due to the cloud base the helicopter was landed at the base of the mountain and awaited a clearance in the weather. Eventually airborne to the ridge where the Doctor and casualty were flown to Bangor Hospital. [Richard Armstrong, 19 from Sheffield]				

Wednesday 19th June 1968 [BJ][@MAR 08/19]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From & to Speke, dep 20.6
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP533:33 XR982:51 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth. Hunter F.6 XG204:70 & Hunter T.7 XL600:83 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Thursday 20th June 1968 [AIR 27/3040][MB]

XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Sgt Jones
Boy swept out to sea at Rhosneigr, nothing seen, assessed as a hoax.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR541:34 4 FTS delivered to CFS becoming '98'				

Friday 21st June 1968 [AIR 27/3040][MB]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Flew the Stn Cdr, G/C J Colahan to Trefriw to inspect one of the 4 FTS Survival Course Camps				
	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise carried out with New Brighton Lifeboat.				
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL600:83 4 FTS to 60 MU Leconfield for modifications.				

Saturday 22nd June 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Spilsbury
Capsized canoe with 2 missing persons 2nms N of Barmouth. Recalled enroute.				

Monday 24th June 1968 [AIR 27/3040][AIR 29/3681]

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

Tuesday 25th June 1968 [@MAR 08/17][AIR 27/3040]

XH593	-	Victor K.1A	TTF	PD F/L W T E Cox
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise carried out with Trearddur Bay Lifeboat.				
XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Sgt Jones
3 boys in a rowing boat drifting out to sea 1nm off Llandulas, Abergele. On arrival 2 boys sighted in boat and winched aboard, informed by Police that the 3 rd boy had managed to swim ashore. The 2 boys were flown to Rhyl Hospital.				
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL622:81 4 FTS visited Chivenor.				

Friday 28th June 1968 [@MAR 08/17]

Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL622:81 4 FTS visited Chivenor.				

Saturday 29th June 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Spilsbury
Cabin cruiser on fire off West Shore, Llandudno. On arrival the occupants had managed to bring the fire under control and the only assistance required was the Conwy Lifeboat which duly arrived.				

Sunday 30th June 1968 [@MAR 02/19]

Based noted: Hunter F.6 XF384:72 4 FTS visited Debden.				

July 1968 [AIR 29/3797]

Station Flight handled 206 visitors including 2 VIP.				
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Tuesday 2nd July 1968 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Wednesday 3rd July 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Sgt Jones
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Climber with broken leg near Snowdon, located and stretchered before being flown to Bangor Hospital.

Thursday 4th July 1968 [Pprune MAINJAVAD][AIR 27/3011][AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3149][AIR 27/3195][AIR 4/246]

*Scrambled to Aberporth Range. *First Red Top QRA missile firing.				
		Lightning*	5 Sqn	F/L I C Dixon
XR136	136	Argosy C.1**	114 Sqn	'RRR4372' F/O Ashton
XR140	140	Argosy C.1**	267 Sqn	'RRR4371' F/L P R Currie
**Both routed: Luqa-Gutersloh-Valley-Benson, 19 Sqn MPC support.				
XP440	440	Argosy C.1	114 Sqn	'RRR4371' F/L Howie
Routed: Benson-Gutersloh-Valley-Benson, 19 Sqn MPC support.				
WF372	T	Varsity T.1	1 ANS	F/S Pocock
Routed: Stradishall-Exeter-Valley-Aldergrove-Valley-Thorney Island-Stradishall.				
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XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Sgt Jones
3 men on a raft 4nms E of Little Orme's Head, nothing seen.				

Friday 5th July 1968 [AIR 27/3036]

19 Sqn arrived from Gutersloh for their MPC. 19 Sqn MPC 5-24.7, 7 Firestreak missiles fired.				
[XN730]	B	Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	MPC [W/C Jones]
XN733	Y	Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	MPC [F/L Smith]
		Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	MPC [F/L Pike]
		Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	MPC [F/O Beazley]
		Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	MPC [F/O Hatcher]

Saturday 6th July 1968 [AB Dig68][AIR 27/3040]

XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Drifting dinghy .5nm off Aberdasch Beach, dinghy located on beach with occupants in attendance, confirmed that this was the dinghy in question.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR537:37 4 FTS attended Wildenrath Airshow.				

Monday 8th July 1968 [AIR 27/3036]

[XN726]	D	Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	F/O Reynolds from Gutersloh
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Tuesday 9th July 1968 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Wednesday 10th July 1968 [AIR 27/3136][AIR 27/3036]

19 Sqn MPC 1x missile fired [F.2A][F/L Smith]				
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XL658	658	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	'RRR6061' F/L T E Dennis
Diverted in on Akrotiri-Lyneham leg due weather.				

Thursday 11th July 1968 [AIR 27/3136][@MAR 07/19][AIR 27/3036]

19 Sqn MPC 1x missile fired [F.2A][F/L Turbin] 1x missile misfire [F.2A][F/O Beazley]				
XL658	658	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	To Lyneham, see 9.7
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR572:19 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Friday 12th July 1968 [AIR 27/3036][AIR 27/3040][MB]

19 Sqn MPC 1x missile fired [F.2A][W/C Jones] 1x missile fired [F.2A][F/O Hatcher]				
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XP361	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' Sgt Jones
Youth fell whilst climbing Snowdon. Casualty stretchered and flown to Bangor Hospital. [Richard Ashton 20 from Shropshire]				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP514:14 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 10.6.68 [also quoted as 11.7]				

Saturday 13th July 1968 [BAR 68/08]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS103:59 4 FTS Marham Display, static.				

Tuesday 16th July 1968 [AIR 27/3036]

19 Sqn MPC 1x missile fired [F.2A][F/L Williamson] 1x missile fired [F.2A][F/L Pike]				

Wednesday 17th July 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3036][AIR 27/3040]

19 Sqn MPC 1x missile fired [F.2A][F/O Beazley]				
[XN724]	F	Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	MPC to Gutersloh, F/L Smith
[XN777]	K	Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	MPC to Gutersloh, F/O Beazley
G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	From St Mawgan F/L Farrington
XP361	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	To St Mawgan F/L Farrington
22 Sqn aircraft changeover.				

Friday 19th July 1968 [@MAR 07/19][AIR 27/3040]

XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Climber with a broken leg 4nms East of Llanbedr, casualty located, stretchered and flown to Bangor Hospital.				
Based noted: Hunter F.6 XG204:70 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth, returned 21.7				

Saturday 20th July 1968 [AIR 29/3797][AIR 29.3978]

XS793	-	Andover CC.2	Queens Flt	'KITTY3/RAINBOW/KITTY3'
Flew HRH Prince Phillip from Valley to Heathrow. Routed: Benson-Valley-Heathrow-Benson.				
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		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	SAR demo at Conway Regatta

Sunday 21st July 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Man missing from a boat named 'Pwllheli,' on arrival informed that the man had already been picked up. It transpired he fell overboard and was hit on the head by the propellor and died instantly.				

Monday 22nd July 1968 [BJ]

G-ARYR	-	PA-28 Cherokee 180	D J Grant	From Speke
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Tuesday 23rd July 1968 [@MAR 07/19][AIR 27/3040]

XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Capsized dinghy off Rhosneigr, on arrival located a girl on top of the dinghy, she was airlifted safely on to a nearby beach. [Miss Susan Rose 23 from Nottingham]				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR951:26 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Wednesday 24th July 1968 [AIR 27/3036]

The remaining 19 Sqn aircraft departed back to Gutersloh post their MPC. Due to a barrier engagement at Gutersloh they all diverted to Jever.				
		Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	To Gutersloh W/C Jones
		Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	To Gutersloh F/L Pike
		Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	To Gutersloh F/L Williamson
		Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	To Gutersloh F/O Fowler

Thursday 25th July 1968 [@MAR 07/19][AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3195]

XP442	442	Argosy C.1	267 Sqn	'RRR4373' F/L P S Read
Routed: Benson-Valley-Coltishall-Gutersloh-Benson, returning 19 Sqn support.				
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XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Ridyard
2 children trapped on a cliff at Borth Wen, both airlifted to the cliff top where a Doctor was				

in attendance. [David Farrington 12 and Susan Farrington 10 both from Pentraeth]				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS102:58 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Friday 26th July 1968 [AB Dig68][AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3149][MB]

XN819	819	Argosy C.1*	114 Sqn	'RRR4374' F/L Derbyshire
XP442	442	Argosy C.1*	114 Sqn	'RRR4375' W/C Price
*Both routed: Benson-Valley-Gutersloh-Benson, returning 19 Sqn MPC support.				
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XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Ridyard
Capsized boat with a man in the water off Abergele, recalled enroute as man had made his own way ashore.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP510:10 4 FTS repairs complete, back to 4 FTS either 26 or 31.7 Hunter F.6 XG185:74 4 FTS visited Prestwick.				

Saturday 27th July 1968 [@MAR 09/17][AIR 27/3040]

XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
Rescue of a climber near Clogwyn, on arrival SMO lowered to casualty and pronounced him dead at the scene, body was stretchered and flown to Bangor Hospital.				
XP353	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
Search for a missing man with suicidal tendencies in an area East of Macclesfield. Helicopter refuelled at Manchester Airport and rendezvoused with Police. Area East along the A537 to the A54 then WSW to the A523 and then North to Macclesfield, nothing seen and returned to refuel at Manchester Airport again before returning to Valley.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR980:48 4 FTS displayed at Plymouth Airport.				

Monday 29th July 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Sgt Jones
Missing man on Conway mountain, on arrival at scene informed by Police that the body had already been retrieved.				

Tuesday 30th July 1968 [AIR 27/3018][MB]

*Scrambled from to Aberporth Range. *Unable to fire a missile due to shipping on the range.				
XS934	[K]	Lightning F.6*	11 Sqn	F/L Butcher
Based noted: Hunter F.6 XF384:72 4 FTS suffered an incident, repaired by 4 FTS.				

Wednesday 31st July 1968 [AIR 29/3797][AIR 27/3199]

XM496	496	Britannia C.1	511 Sqn	Diversion 'RRR6072' S/L Rose
Diverted enroute Akrotiri to Lyneham, later departed same day to Lyneham.				
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		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	SAR Dem
SAR demonstration at a WI Fete, Plas Newydd.				

August 1968 [AIR 29/3797]

Station Flight handled 207 visitors including 6 VIP. No MPC's
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Friday 2nd August 1968 [AIR 4/218]

XJ642	L	Hunter FGA.9	54 Sqn	S Beckley
From West Raynham, weekend stop.				

Saturday 3rd August 1968 [BAR 68/09][AIR 27/3040]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
Person drifting out to sea at Dinas Dinlle, on arrival person had already been rescued.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS105:60 4 FTS Chivenor Airshow, static.				

Sunday 4th August 1968 [AB Dig68][AIR 27/3040]

XL112	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Spilsbury
Picked up a drowning case with 2 Doctors in attendance and flew them to Walton Hospital, Liverpool. Refuelled at Liverpool Airport before returning to Valley.				

Monday 5th August 1968 [AIR 4/218]

XJ642	L	Hunter FGA.9	54 Sqn	S Beckley
To West Raynham, see 2.8				

Tuesday 6th August 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3040]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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XL112	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Spilsbury
Capsized dinghy with 3 occupants, located and picked up a man, wife and child using double lifts, survivors flown to Valley SMC.				

Wednesday 7th August 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3040]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Spilsbury
Mountain incident, MRT carried to casualty and casualty then stretchered and flown to Bangor Hospital.				
XL112	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
3 men adrift in a small boat near South Stack Lighthouse. Area searched then saw the Irish Ferry changing course near North Stack Lighthouse. 3 men found in a boat and airlifted to Valley SMC.				

Friday 9th August 1968 [MC][AIR 27/3040]

XM653	-	Vulcan B.2	Waddington Wg	
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XL112	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Sgt Jones
Injured climber suffering from spinal injuries near Glyder Fach [OS 107/657587] SMO and Winchman lowered to casualty which was then stretchered and flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Saturday 10th August 1968 [BAG 9/68][NWAN/MSAE][MC 9/68][SB][S G Jones, B P Jones & K MacKay][AIR 29/3797]

RAF Valley 'At Home' Air Show 'Golden Jubilee Day.'				
Gates open 10:00-18:00, Air Display 14:30-17:00.				
20-25,000 attendance.				
Beer Tent drunk dry by 15:00!				
10 mile traffic queue reported on the A5.				



ROYAL AIR FORCE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY DISPLAY

ROYAL AIR FORCE VALLEY
SATURDAY 10th AUGUST, 1968

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

Message of welcome from

Group Captain W.E.Colahan, DFC, RAF

Officer Commanding, RAF Valley

I extend to you on behalf of all Officers, Airmen and Families at Royal Air Force Valley, a very warm welcome to our station. It is a great pleasure to have so many of our friends in North Wales with us to celebrate the 50th. Anniversary of the Royal Air Force. I hope you will find our displays and demonstrations of interest and that they will give you a picture of the Royal Air Force of to-day. This programme will help you to find whatever you are most interested in. I particularly commend to you the flying display which starts at 2-30 p.m.

The proceeds of the day will be divided between the Royal Air Force Museum Appeal Fund and service charities. The Royal Air Force Museum is in the process of being established at Hendon and will be well worth a visit.

Neges o Groeso gan

Group Captain W.E.Colahan, DFC, RAF

Swyddog Llywodraethol Llu Awyr Brenhinol Valley

Estynaf i chwi, ar ran holl Swyddogion, Awyrenwyr a Theuluoedd Llu Awyr Brenhinol Valley, groeso cynnes iawn i'n gorsaf. Y mae'n bleser mawr cael cymaint o'n cyfeillion yng Ngogledd Cymru gyda ni i ddathlu Hanner Canmlwyddiant y Llu Awyr Brenhinol.

'R wy'n gobeithio y ffeindiwch ein harddangosfeydd a'n harddangosiadau ym ddiddorol ac y rhoddant i chwi ddarlun o'r Llu Awyr Brenhinol fel y mae heddiw. Fe wna'r Rhaglen hon eich helpu i ddod o hyd i beth bynnag yr ydych a mwyaf o ddiddordeb ynddo.

Rhennir yr elw a wneir yn ystod y dydd rhwng Cronfa Apel Amgueddfa'r Llu Awyr Brenhinol ac achosion dyngarol y Llu Awyr. Y mae Amgueddfa'r Llu Awyr Brenhinol yn y broses o gael ei sefydlu yn Hendon, a bydd yn werth talu ymweliad a hi.

WARNING

Visitors are warned that no one is permitted to enter the aircraft movement area. The safety line guarding the area is marked by posts and a rope fence; visitors must on NO account go beyond this line.

NO SMOKING, please within 50ft. of parked aircraft or any Hangar except the Refreshment Hangar.

RHYBUDD

Rhybuddir yr ymwelwyr na chaiff neb fynd i'r fan lle y bydd awyrennau'n symud arno. Dangosir y man diogel gan bostiau a rhaff rhyngddynt, ac ni ddylai'r un ymwelydd ar unrhyw gyfrif fynd ymhellach na'r llinell yma. Dim ysmegu os gwelwch yn dda o fewn hanner can troedfedd i awyren wedi parcio ac i awyrendy. Gellir ysmegu yn yr ystafell fwyd.

Weather permitting, a flying display will be given from 2-30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Subject to last minute alterations the programme will be;

EVENT No.	DISPLAY
1	A 'Vulcan' jet bomber
2	'Jet Provost' solo aerobatics
3	USAF aircraft fly-past
4	'Hercules' medium-range transport
5	'Buccaneer' strike aircraft of the Royal Navy
6	Air-Sea Rescue 'Whirlwind' helicopter
7	'Andover' communications aircraft
8	'Meteor' jet fighter aerobatics
9	The 'Blue Eagles' Army Helicopter team
10	The world-famous 'Red Arrows'
11	'Dominie' navigation trainer
12	'Shackleton' maritime reconnaissance aircraft
13	Glider aerobatics
14	James Bond's 'Little Nellie'
15	Mass formation take-off by 'Gnat' and 'Hunter' aircraft
16	'Gnat' solo aerobatics
17	Mass formation fly-past by 'Gnat' and 'Hunter' aircraft
18	'Hunter' solo aerobatics
19	Demonstration of air attack on a ground fortification
20	'Lightning' solo aerobatics
21	A Spitfire and Hurricane
22	Formation aerobatics by Jet Provosts

[Both: Dick Thomas Collection]

Static: *Hangar display

XS770	-	Basset C.1	NCS	Topcliffe
WE139	-	Canberra PR.3*	231 OCU	Bassingbourn



[Steve Bond Collection]



This is the example on display at the RAF Museum, Hendon. [Lindsay Peacock]

WG362	-	Chipmunk T.10	RAFGC	Bicester, RAF Gliding Club
XS727	D	Dominie T.1	1 ANS	Stradishall



[Steve Bond Collection]

XP513	13	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	Valley
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[Steve Bond Collection]

XP538	38	Gnat T.1*	4 FTS	Valley
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[Steve Bond Collection]

XV304	304	Hercules C.1	30 Sqn	Fairford, also flew.
XF384	72	Hunter F.6*	4 FTS	Valley



[Steve Bond Collection]

XL591	82	Hunter T.7	4 FTS	Valley
A92-255	-	Jindivik 102B*	RAE Llanbedr	[81 Flight Markings]
XM387	25	JP T.3	3 FTS	Leeming



[Steve Bond Collection]

XS918	B	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	Leuchars
WH453	-	Meteor F[TT].8	5 CAACU	Woodvale



[Steve Bond Collection]

XF877	A	Provost T.1	CATCS	Shawbury
WR975	A	Shackleton MR.3/3	120 Sqn	Kinloss, also flew



[Lindsay Peacock]



[Steve Bond Collection]

XH274	P	Vampire T.11	CATCS	Shawbury
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With Provost T.1 XF877:A behind. [Steve Bond Collection]

WF325	Y	Varsity T.1	5 FTS	Oakington
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[Steve Bond Collection]

XM652	-	Vulcan B.2	44 Sqn	Waddington, also flew
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[Steve Bond Collection]

XP338	W-N	Whirlwind HAR.10	CFS	Tern Hill
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Visible under the tail of the Whirlwind is one of the snow clearing machines, equipped with a surplus Meteor/Vampire engine for blowing the snow off the runways, taxiways & dispersals.

[Steve Bond Collection]

XR243	-	Auster AOP.9	AFWF/AAC	Odiham
64-0901	-	F-4C	92 TFS/81 TFW	Bentwaters



[Dick Thomas collection]

56-0112	-	RF-101C	17 TRS/66 TRW	Upper Heyford 0-60112
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[Steve Bond Collection]

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Canadian Air Division. [Steve Bond Collection]

Flight Lines & Elsewhere				
G-AWCS	-	Short Skyvan	South West Avn	Pleasure Flights
XS601	601	Andover C.1	46 Sqn	Abingdon
XP408	408	Argosy C.1	267 Sqn	'RRR4439' F/L F B Davies
From Tangmere to Koksijde, Belgium [Red Arrows support ?]				
XS733	-	Dominie T.1	CAW	
XM706	96	Gnat T.1	CFS	Or XM708:94 ?
Gnat T.1 CFS/Red Arrows				
XR540 XR986 XR987 XR991 XR992 XR993 XR994 XR995 XR996 XS111				
Gnat T.1 4 FTS				
XR538:01 XP503:03 XP506:06 XP537:07 XR569:08 XP510:10 XP516:16 XR567:17 XR572:19				
XR573:20 XR574:24 XR951:26 XR536:27 XR948:28 XR953:29 XR954:30 XR952:31 XP533:33				
XR537:37 XP540:40 XP541:41 XP542:42 XS104:44 XR998:47 XR980:48 XP500:50 XR982:51				
XR984:52 XP535:54 XS100:57 XS103:59 XS105:60 XS110:62				
Hunter F.6 4 FTS				
XG204:70 XF509:73 XG185:74				
Hunter T.7 4 FTS				
XL609:80 XL622:81				



Possibly taken at the 1968 Airshow, the new red/white Gnat scheme did not materialise until 1969.

[Mark Taylor Collection]

XG207	C	Hunter FGA.9	54 Sqn	West Raynham
XG264	D	Hunter FGA.9	54 Sqn	West Raynham
XJ635	G	Hunter FGA.9	54 Sqn	Hall West Raynham



Departed 12.8 [Dick Thomas Collection]

XJ644	K	Hunter FGA.9	54 Sqn	West Raynham
XR681	94	JP T.4	RAFC	
XR699	34	JP T.4	1 FTS	
XP615	35	JP T.4	1 FTS	
XP678	45	JP T.4	1 FTS	
XP662	48	JP T.4	1 FTS	
XR700	49	JP T.4	1 FTS	
XM183	183	Lightning F.1A	226 OCU	[F/L R Lightfoot display pilot]
XM216	216	Lightning F.1A	226 OCU	

WH291	-	Meteor F.8	85 Sqn	Binbrook F/L Woodham
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[Lindsay Peacock]

WL641	[-]	Varsity T.1	6 Support Sqn	Cosford
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XL112	-	Whirlwind HAR.10*	C Flt/22 Sqn	SAR Demonstration
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*Pilot, Sgt Barry Jones from Abergele with Winchman Sgt Steve Jones from Liverpool.

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	C Flt/22 Sqn	
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WF128	638:LM	Sea Prince T.1	750 NAS	
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XT151	I	Sioux AH.1	ARWF/AAC	Blue Eagles
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XT154	K	Sioux AH.1	ARWF/AAC	Blue Eagles
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XT225	R	Sioux AH.1	ARWF/AAC	Blue Eagles
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XT242	S	Sioux AH.1	ARWF/AAC	Blue Eagles
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XT249	Z	Sioux AH.1	ARWF/AAC	Blue Eagles
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		F-100	/48 TFW	Flypast
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G-AEML	-	DH.89A Rapide	Private	
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G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	English Electric	
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G-ARGK	-	Cessna 210	Private	
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G-ARGY	-	PA-22 Tri-Pacer	Private	
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G-ARHT	-	PA-22 Caribbean	Private	
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G-ARRT	-	WA116 Autogyro	Private	'Little Nellie'
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WA658	-	Meteor T.7	Fire Dump	Ex. GWDS
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The Valetta on the Fire Dump can be seen at extreme left with a 'silver' Lightning F.6 at extreme right.

[Lindsay Peacock]				
WJ479	N	Valetta T.3	Fire Dump	Arrived 4.67
XP512	12	Gnat T.1	Fire Dump	Plus 2 more

Monday 12th August 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

XL112	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
Casualty in the mountains located through the MRT and flown to the MRT Base Camp.				

Tuesday 13th August 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

XL112	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Man in sea off Morfa Bychan, on arrival discovered he had already been picked up, Winchman checked him out for shock and injuries, ok.				
XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Boat in difficulty off Rhoscolyn, on arrival no assistance required.				
XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/L Farrington
People cut off by the incoming tide at Stanley Embankment, on arrival they had been warned off by the Police.				
XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Night CASEVAC of a small girl with a fractured skull from Porthmadog Hospital to Manchester Infirmary. Aircraft landed at Platt Lane Playing Fields [OS 101/846958] and closed down for the night. [Diane Trotter 4, from Manchester]				

Wednesday 14th August 1968 [AB Digest68*][AIR 27/3040][MB]

G-ARUJ	-	Piaggio P.166AL-1	Private	
G-ASVE	-	Beech Queen Air	Shorts Bros	
XS730	H	Dominie T.1	1 ANS	
WZ476	-	Vampire T.11	[19 MU]	
XR485	W-Q	Whirlwind HAR.10	CFS	
--+--	-	[R]F-104G	[AKG-52]	PD WGAF
*RF-104G's of AKG-52 from Leck were on exchange with the RF-101 Voodoos of 18 TRS/66 TRW at Upper Heyford in early August for 10 days and flew sorties around the UK, possibly one of those? [RF-104G 24+68 24+77 are mentioned but no exact numbers]				
G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke, N/stop
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XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Departed from Platt Lane Playing Fields, Manchester and flew to Manchester to refuel before flying back to Valley via Bangor to drop off a nurse. See 13.8				

Thursday 15th August 1968 [AIR 27/3040][MB]

		?		
AOC-in-C Coastal Command, AM Sir P Holder with AOC 19 Group, AVM C M Clementi, and AVM A V R Johnstone visited 22 Sqn, by air ?				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR952:31 4 FTS assessed CAT.3R repaired on site by 60 MU from 20.8				

Hunter F.6 XF384:72 4 FTS repairs complete, see 30.7.68

Friday 16th August 1968 [AIR 27/3040][MB]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Ridyard
Youth injured by a fall in Snowdonia, on arrival casualty stretchered and flown to Bangor Hospital. [Robin Buxton 11 from Kirby] later informed that injuries were only slight, and the casualty was not detained in Hospital.				
XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Report of a boat on fire between Puffin Island and Penmaenmawr, false alarm as the boat had moved giving off smoke.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR572:19 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 20.8 Gnat T.1 XR948:28 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 20.8 Hunter T.7 XL600:83 returned to 4 FTS from Leconfield, see 21.6.68				

Saturday 17th August 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
SAR demonstration given at the RAFA Fete, Bangor.				
XL112	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
2 capsized dinghies with people clinging onto them, on arrival all the people had been rescued by other boats.				

Sunday 18th August 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

XL112	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Man fallen on Cader Idris, picked up SMO, and searched area until darkness but nothing seen. RTB. Search also continued the following day.				

Monday 19th August 1968 [AIR 29/3797][AIR 27/3040][MB]

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AOC-in-C, AM Sir J Davies visited, by air?				
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XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Ridyard
Search continued from previous day [see 18.8] low cloud however precluded the search, and the aircraft was flown to Dolgellau and shutdown. Later informed that a body had been found and was being recovered by the MRT, returned to Valley.				
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL609:80 4 FTS to 60 MU Leconfield for modifications.				

Tuesday 20th August 1968 [@MAR 06/19]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS105:60 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Wednesday 21st August 1968 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP514:14 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 29.8				

Thursday 22nd August 1968 [AIR 27/3040][MB]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise with Pwllheli Lifeboat.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR573:20 4 FTS delivered to CFS, became '97'				

Friday 23rd August 1968 [AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3043]

XV210	210	Hercules C.1	24 Sqn	Diversion F/L Relfe
Diverted whilst enroute Namao, Canada to Lyneham.				
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise with Llandudno Lifeboat.				

Saturday 24th August 1968 [AIR 27/3043]

XV210	210	Hercules C.1	24 Sqn	To Lyneham, see 23.8
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Sunday 25th August 1968 [BAR 68/09]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR573:20 XR541:34 4 FTS Little Rissington Display. These 2 Gnats may have been on loan to the Red Arrows/CFS. They were transferred to CFS in Nov 1968 becoming XR541:98 XR573:97. Hunter F.6 XF509:73 4 FTS visited Lyneham.				

Wednesday 28th August 1968 [@MAR 10/17][AIR 27/3062]

XV214	214	Hercules C.1	36 Sqn	'RRR5625' F/O Ewart-James
Routed: Lyneham-Valley-Tangmere-Valley, N/stop.				
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL622:81 4 FTS visited Chivenor.				

Thursday 29th August 1968 [AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3062]

XV214	214	Hercules C.1	36 Sqn	'RRR5625' to Kinloss, see 28.8
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XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Ridyard
Capsized boat with people clinging on 1nm off Clynnog Fawr, the only boat sighted was in no difficulty but from a distance looked like it had capsized, helicopter returned to Valley.				

Friday 30th August 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' S/L Weaver
Man fallen from Cwm Silyn [OS 116/520503] casualty was stretchered and flown to Bangor				

Hospital. [Mr Harry Belcher 21 from Dunstable]

Saturday 31st August 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3040]

G-ARYR	-	PA-28 Cherokee 180	D J Grant	To Speke
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XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
Capsized boat off Trearddur Bay, on arrival crew were clinging to it but did not require assistance as they were drifting ashore.				

September 1968 [AIR 29/3797]

Station flight handled 199 visitors.				
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Sunday 1st September 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise carried out with Beaumaris Lifeboat to demonstrate the techniques to the Penmaenmawr Yacht Club.				

Monday 2nd September 1968 [MC 9/68][AIR 27/3040]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Training Exercise carried out with Moelfre Lifeboat for their annual RNLI Flag Day.				
XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
Holyhead lifeboat had struck rocks whilst attempting to take a small fishing boat in tow, on arrival the Lifeboat had cleared the rocks and was making for Holyhead albeit damaged. The fishing boat later sank with nobody onboard.				
Based noted: Hunter F.6 XF509:73 4 FTS displayed at Halfpenny Green.				

Thursday 5th September 1968 [AIR 27/3168]

WL747	[X]	Shackleton MR.2	204 Sqn	F/L Statham from & to Ballykelly
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
SAR demonstration for Harlech TV, making a Welsh language documentary.				
XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
2 men in a rubber dinghy in the Penmon narrows, on arrival both men and dinghy were safely ashore.				

Saturday 7th September 1968 [BAR 68/09][AIR 27/3040][MB]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' Sgt Jones
Aircraft crash at Cadair Berwyn with all 4 occupants dead [3 Male/1 Female] after recovery the bodies were flown down to the foot of the hill and the helicopter returned to Valley. This was Cessna F172F G-ASWD which was flying from Luton to Liverpool and ended up in cloud, wreckage was found a few feet below the summit by a farmer and his sons. The aircraft was approx 25nms off track, the pilot was very inexperienced with a total of 51hrs in				

total.
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP532:32 4 FTS Yeovilton Airshow, flying. Hunter F.6 XG204:70 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 10.6.68

Monday 9th September 1968 [AIR 27/3040][AIR 29/3681]

XH592	-	Victor K.1A	TTF	PD F/L W T E Cox
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XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' Sgt Jones
Man drowning in Porth Dafarch, man uplifted, and CPR given whilst flying to Valley SMC, conscious on landing. [Mr Hampson, Doncaster]				
XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Sgt Jones
Casualty from previous flight [Mr Hampson] flown to Bangor Hospital as his condition had deteriorated, aircraft closed down at Bangor for 10mins whilst the SMO supervised the transfer of the patient. Helicopter then returned to Valley.				

Tuesday 10th September 1968 [BJ][AIR 29/3797][AIR 27/3040]

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AOC-in-C Coastal Command, AM J H Lapsley inspected 22 Sqn & 1113 MCU.				
Based noted: Whirlwind HAR.10 XP354 22 Sqn 'KYI45' visited Speke.				

Wednesday 11th September 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3040]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' S/L Weaver
Man fallen off a cliff at Porth Colman, on arrival the body had already been recovered and pronounced dead by a local Doctor, aircraft returned to Valley.				

Thursday 12th September 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
BBC filming for a documentary on SAR techniques for BBC 2.				

Friday 13th September 1968 [Pprune MAINJAVAD][AIR 29/3797][AIR 27/3132][AIR 27/3149][AIR 27/3195][AIR 4/246]

92 Sqn arrived from Gutersloh for their MPC. The F.2's and T.4 staged through Wattisham, F.2A's flew direct. 92 Sqn MPC 13.9-5.10, 2 out of 5 Firebreak missiles fired.				
		Lightning F.2A	92 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.2A	92 Sqn	MPC
XN793	[K]	Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning T.4	92 Sqn	MPC

XP440	440	Argosy C.1	114 Sqn	'RRR4220' F/L Moore
Routed: Benson-Gutersloh-Coltishall-Valley-Benson, 92 Sqn MPC support.				
XN849	849	Argosy C.1*	114 Sqn	'RRR4221' F/O Ashton
XP410	410	Argosy C.1*	267 Sqn	'RRR4222' F/O Nicolle
*Both routed: Benson-Gutersloh-Valley-Benson, 92 Sqn MPC support.				
WL626	E	Varsity T.1	1 ANS	F/L Coles
Routed: Stradishall-Syerston-Machrihanish-Valley-Stradishall.				

Saturday 14th September 1968 [BAR 68/10]

Based noted:				
Gnat T.1 XS107:61 4 FTS Benson, static.				
Gnat T.1 XP513:13 4 FTS Biggin Hill, static.				
Gnat T.1 XP541:41 4 FTS Coltishall, static.				
Gnat T.1 XP516:16 4 FTS St Mawgan, static.				
Gnat T.1 XP542:42 4 FTS St Mawgan, flying, grey/dayglo.				
Gnat T.1 XR998:47 4 FTS Finningley, static.				
Gnat T.1 XS105:60 4 FTS St Athan, static.				
Gnat T.1 XP542:42 4 FTS St Athan, flying.				
Gnat T.1 XP537:07 4 FTS St Athan, flying.				
Gnat T.1 XR568:17 4 FTS St Athan, flying.				
Gnat T.1 XP530:64 4 FTS St Athan, flying.				
Hunter F.6 XF384:72 4 FTS Leuchars static, camo.				
Hunter F.6 XG274:71 4 FTS Gaydon, static.				
Hunter T.7 XL591:82 4 FTS Benson, static.				
Whirlwind HAR.10 XP360:W-V CFS St Athan, from the Valley detachment.				

Sunday 15th September 1968 [AIR 27/3132][AIR 27/3040]

*The Lightning F.1 equipped with a luneberg lens arrived from Coltishall to support 92 Sqn.				
		Lightning F.1*	TFF	Target Facilities Flight
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XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Ridyard
Small boat flashing distress signal just off Llanddwyn Island, boat located, and 2 survivors taken to Valley SMC. [Mr Herbert Bereton & Mr Thomas Owens both from Liverpool]				

Monday 16th September 1968 [SB]

XM666	[448]	Whirlwind HAR.9*		Tony Bower departed 21.9
*HMS Endurance Flight aircraft.				
Based noted:				
Whirlwind HAR.10 XP356:W-B CFS[H]				

Tuesday 17th September 1968 [AIR 29/3797][AIR 29/3670&4516]

XN793	[K]	Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	MPC
Flew from Valley to Coltishall for a radar nose bullet change, aircraft later departed Coltishall on 26.9 to Warton for conversion to F.2A standard.				
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XS105	60	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	F/L B D Grant
Landed with starboard u/c leg retracted at night with minimum damage.				

Wednesday 18th September 1968 [BAR 68/10][MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS100:57 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 24.9 Gnat T.1 XP533:33 & XS---:-- 4 FTS visited Odiham.				

Thursday 19th September 1968 [MC 10/68][AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3072]

WR978	A	Shackleton MR.3	42 Sqn	Diversion F/L Butler
Diverted in from St Mawgan whilst on Exercise 'Silver Tower'				
VP976	-	Devon C.1	[21 Sqn]	From Halfpenny Green
		?		
Visit to 22 Sqn by L/Col S M Schafer USAF, Assistant Air Attache. May have arrived in the above Devon ? also AOA, A/Cdre A M Rushton may have arrived same time as he flew with 22 Sqn on 20.9				
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XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Spilsbury
Man missing from the Irish Ferry near the Holyhead Harbour Mole, search carried out at first light, but nothing seen.				

Friday 20th September 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

WR978	A	Shackleton MR.3	42 Sqn	To St Mawgan, see 19.2
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XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' Sgt Jones
2 people clinging to a buoy at Porth Dinorwic, just before the helicopter arrived the occupants of a small boat had managed to secure the boat to the buoy and the situation was under control.				

Monday 23rd September 1968 [@MAR 12/17][AIR 27/3040]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Spilsbury
Small sailing boat in difficulties off Abersoch, on arrival the boat had already been beached safely.				
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL622:81 4 FTS visited Chivenor.				

Tuesday 24th September 1968 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP542:42 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 2.10				

Wednesday 25th September 1968 [Pprune Bill Macgillivray logbook*][AIR 27/3040]

XR666	47	JP T.4*	1 FTS	PD from Linton
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XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Spilsbury
Assistance required from F/L Lloyd, RAF Gaydon [2 ANS] to locate and pick up 4 student navigators who were overdue on a navigational exercise. On arrival, rendezvoused with F/L Lloyd and started a search from a last known position, missing students were eventually sighted and ferried back to F/L Lloyd. [APO's Braybrook, Clark, Padden, and F/O Cole]				

Thursday 26th September 1968 [@MAR 12/17][AIR 27/3132][MB]

92 Sqn MPC 1x missile fired				
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL591:82 4 FTS visited Chivenor. Hunter T.7 XL609:80 returned to 4 FTS from Leconfield, see 19.8.68				

Friday 27th September 1968 [@MAR 12/17][MB]

Based noted: Hunter F.6 XG185:74 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 10.6.68 Hunter F.6 XG204:70 4 FTS visited Chivenor.				

Sunday 29th September 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/L Nice
XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO23' F/O Spilsbury
Searched Lake Ogwen area for a light aircraft reported to have crashed, Preston ATC confirmed that a Cessna 310 was overdue at Blackpool. Cloud hampered search and eventually landed at Ogwen Cottage to liaise with MRT. Called for 'PEDRO23' to assist in ferrying MRT personnel to base of the cloud, then returned to Valley. 'PEDRO23' ferried MRT members then also returned to Valley. This was Cessna 310F G-ARMK enroute from Leavesden to Blackpool with a sole occupant [Mr R S Ducker or Docker from London] which deviated from the planned route and crashed into Carnedd Dafydd OS 115/667628.				

Monday 30th September 1968 [AIR 27/3136][AIR 27/3091][AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3195]

XL660	660	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	'RRR6567' F/L M G Thomas
Routed: Nicosia-Valley-Lyneham, 56 Sqn MPC support.				
XP443	443	Argosy C.1	267 Sqn	'RRR4531' F/O L Bennett
Routed: Benson-Coltishall-Binbrook-Valley-Benson. [MPC support ?]				
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XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/L Nice
XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO23' F/O Spilsbury
'PEDRO22' landed at Ogwen Cottage but due to deteriorating weather was unable fly again until mid-afternoon. Search was carried out below cloud level but after 30mins informed that wreckage had been found in the cloud layer. 'PEDRO23' was called up to assist due to				

'PEDRO22' needing to refuel and return to Valley. 'PEDRO23' waited for the body to be brought down and then flew it to Bangor Hospital.

September 1968 [photo Dennis Pritchard]

XV209	209	Hercules C.1	242 OCU	
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October 1968 [AIR 29/3797]

Runway 02/20 closed for resurfacing. Station Flight handled 178 visitors including 5 VIP.				
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Wednesday 2nd October 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3091][AIR 27/3040]

56 Sqn [6 aircraft] arrived from Nicosia 2/3.10 for their MPC. Direct non-stop routing with AAR support.				
		Lightning	56 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning	56 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning	56 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning	56 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning	56 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning	56 Sqn	MPC
G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
		Gannet*		Diversion
*Returned on one engine. 22 Sqn scrambled Whirlwind HAR.10 XP354 'PEDRO22' [F/O Ridyard] not required though as the Gannet landed safely.				

Thursday 3rd October 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3091]

		?x Lightning	56 Sqn	MPC
		[Canberra T.4]	56 Sqn	MPC

Friday 4th October 1968 [AIR 27/3132][AIR 27/3149]

92 Sqn MPC 1x missile fired. 92 Sqn groundcrew departed back to Gutersloh post MPC.				
XN819	819	Argosy C.1	114 Sqn	'RRR4232' F/L Gerry
Routed: Benson-Valley-Coltishall-Gutersloh-Benson.				
XR141	141	Argosy C.1*	114 Sqn	'RRR4233' F/O McLaughlin
XP409	409	Argosy C.1*	114 Sqn	'RRR4234' F/L MacAulay
*Both routed: Benson-Valley-Gutersloh-Benson.				



[Fireflash to Skyflash publication]

Saturday 5th October 1968 [AIR 27/3132][AIR 27/3040]

92 Sqn departed back to Gutersloh post MPC. The F.2's and T.4 again staged through Wattisham.				
		Lightning F.2A	92 Sqn	To Gutersloh
		Lightning F.2A	92 Sqn	To Gutersloh
		Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	To Gutersloh
		Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	To Gutersloh
		Lightning F.2	92 Sqn	To Gutersloh
		Lightning T.4	92 Sqn	To Gutersloh
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise carried out with Rhyl Lifeboat.				

Monday 7th October 1968 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR981:49 4 FTS transferred to CFS/Red Arrows. [XR981 spent the rest of its remaining time with CFS/Red Arrows. It crashed at Kemble 3.3.78 when it hit the ground during practice aerobatics. The crew F/L Stephen Edward Noble & W/C Dennis George Hazell AFC were both killed. F/L Noble survived initially but died later that day]				
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Tuesday 8th October 1968 [AIR 29/3797][@MAR 04/19][AIR 27/3040][AIR 29/3978]

*Visit by Sultan of Brunei.				
XS790	-	Andover CC.2*	Queens Flt	'KITTY1'
Routed: Benson-Valley-Northolt-Benson.				
		Canberra	[56 Sqn]	
Landed with a suspected burst tyre, 22 Sqn scrambled Whirlwind HAR.10 XP354 'PEDRO22' [F/O Spilsbury] not required though as the Canberra landed safely.				
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Based noted:				

Gnat T.1 XP503:03 XP534:15 XR574:24 4 FTS all visited Lossiemouth.
Hunter T.7 XL622:81 4 FTS [F/L Fuller] partial power forced landing at Llanbedr. 22 Sqn scrambled Whirlwind HAR.10 XP354 'PEDRO22' [F/O Spilsbury] but was recalled after being informed that the aircraft had landed safely.

Wednesday 9th October 1968 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke, n/stop
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Friday 11th October 1968 [MB]

Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL600:83 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R repaired on site by CWP from 17.10				

Saturday 12th October 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3040]

XT639	-	Scout AH.1	[Bulford]	'AAC309' from Speke
	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise carried out with Trearddur Bay Lifeboat.				

Tuesday 15th October 1968 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
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Friday 18th October 1968 [@MAR 04/19]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP537:07 XP516:16 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Sunday 20th October 1968 [MC 11/68]

XT124	-	Sioux AH.1	3 RTR/AAC	From Birmingham
XT205	-	Sioux AH.1	3 RTR/AAC	From Birmingham
XT840	-	Sioux AH.1	3 RTR/AAC	From Birmingham
RTR, Royal Tank Regiment, based at Tidworth.				

Monday 21st October 1968 [AIR 27/3040][AIR 4/223]

XP333		Whirlwind HAR.10	CFS[H]	F/O M Kelson to Ternhill
	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Operation 'Gas Float' carried out from Bootle and Fleetwood for WW1 gas cylinders, none found, aircraft returned to Valley 22.10				

Tuesday 22nd October 1968 [@MAR 04/19]

Based noted:				

Gnat T.1 XS106:36 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.
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Friday 25th October 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3040]

XS640	640	Andover C.1*	46 Sqn	'BWG18' from Speke
*RMFVR parachute Exercise				
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		Gnat T.1	4 FTS	
Precautionary landing without hydraulics, 22 Sqn scrambled Whirlwind HAR.10 XP354 'PEDRO22' [F/O Ridyard] not required though as the Gnat landed safely.				
Based noted: Whirlwind HAR.10 XP349 22 Sqn 'ETB46' visited Speke				

Saturday 26th October 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3040]

XR601	A	Scout AH.1*	666 Sqn/AAC	To Speke
XR628	B	Scout AH.1*	666 Sqn/AAC	To Speke
XR629	C	Scout AH.1*	666 Sqn/AAC	'AAC340' to Speke
XR595	D	Scout AH.1	666 Sqn/AAC	'AAC310' to Speke
XT637	E	Scout AH.1	666 Sqn/AAC	'AAC307' to Speke
XT639	H	Scout AH.1	666 Sqn/AAC	'AAC308' to Speke
*Routed: Valley-Speke-Staverton & the remaining 3 Valley-Speke-Bristol Lulsgate.				
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XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'Z-46' [F/O Spilsbury]
Diverted from a training flight to a fallen climber off Craig-yr-Ysfa [OS 107/695636] and that a Doctor and MRT needed picking up at OS 107/720640. On arrival at the scene the Doctor and Winchman were lowered to the casualty. The female casualty was stretchered and flown along with her severely shocked husband to Bangor Hospital. Later informed that she had died. [Mrs Pauline Rabin & Mr Rabin, London]				

Sunday 27th October 1968 [BJ]

G-AVEE	-	Alouette II	Private	Speke-Dublin, Gregory Air
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Monday 28th October 1968 [AIR 27/3091]

56 Sqn departed back to Nicosia post their MPC.				
		6x Lightning	56 Sqn	Departed

Tuesday 29th October 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3216][AIR 4/223][MB]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
XR366	366	Belfast C.1	53 Sqn	'RRR6783' F/L Bond from Brize
XP355		Whirlwind HAR.10		F/L Smith from Shawbury
XP356	W-B	Whirlwind HAR.10	CFS[H]	F/L Buchan to Shawbury
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR984:52 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 5.11				

Wednesday 30th October 1968 [AIR 27/3216][AIR 27/3091][AIR 27/3195][MB]

XR366	366	Belfast C.1	53 Sqn	'RRR6783', see 29.10
Routed: Valley-Luqa-Nicosia, 56 Sqn support post MPC.				
		Canberra T.4	56 Sqn	To Nicosia
XR134	134	Argosy C.1	267 Sqn	'RRR4552' F/L R Brading
Routed: Benson-Valley-Wattisham-Binbrook-Coltishall-Benson.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR545:18 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 11.6.68				

Thursday 31st October 1968 [ManAS*]

XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10*	22 Sqn	To Woodford
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November 1968 [AIR 29/3797]

Station Flight handled 208 visitors including 3 VIP.				

Friday 1st November 1968 [AIR 27/3040][MB]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Spilsbury
Smoke signal in the vicinity of Valley, nothing seen.				
XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/L Nice
CASEVAC a student from Aberystwyth to Cardiff.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP538:38 repairs complete back to 4 FTS 2.11 – see 5.3.68 Gnat T.1 XS100:57 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 18.9.68				

Saturday 2nd November 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3040]

G-ARXB	-	Beagle Airedale	Beagle	From Speke
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XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Spilsbury
Search for 2 missing Army canoeists in the Conway Estuary, searched for 1hr then informed they had sum ashore and reported in.				

Sunday 3rd November 1968 [AIR 27/3146]

111 Sqn arrived from Wattisham for their MPC.				
111 Sqn MPC 3-18.11				
		Lightning	111 Sqn	MPC
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*Scrambled to Aberporth Range. *1x Red Top fired.				
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Landed Valley 11:32 and departed back to Leuchars 13:30.				
XR765	[S]	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	S/L E Durham
		Lightning	111 Sqn	MPC
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XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	To Chivenor
XL112	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	From Chivenor
22 Sqn aircraft changeover.				

Tuesday 5th November 1968 [AIR 27/3021][@MAR 03/19][AIR 27/3040][MB]

		Canberra B[I].8	14 Sqn	F/O J A Wilson
From and to Wildenrath.				
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Sortie carried out with 2 photographers from MoD, aim was to obtain photographs of a Nimrod against the background of the Skerries.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR955:43 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 7.5.68 Gnat T.1 XP534:15 XP530:64 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Wednesday 6th November 1968 [AIR 27/3021][@MAR 03/19][AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3213]

		Canberra B[I].8	14 Sqn	F/O S J Morton
From and to Wildenrath.				
VX580		Valetta C.1	MCS	'RRR5221'
Informal visit by AOC 19 Group, AVM C M Clementi to 22 Sqn. Routed: Northolt-Valley-Northolt, arrived 09:50 & departed 13:25.				
		Lightning	[111 Sqn]	
Returned with low brake pressure and no brake parachute, 22 Sqn scrambled Whirlwind HAR.10 XP349 'PEDRO22' [Sgt Springate] but not required as the aircraft landed safely.				
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		Gnat T.1	4 FTS	Hydraulic failure
		Gnat T.1	4 FTS	Nosewheel 'red'
22 Sqn scrambled Whirlwind HAR.10 XP349 'Pedro22' [F/O Ridyard] for the 1 st incident, after the aircraft landed safely the helicopter was informed of the second incident and remained airborne until it too landed safely.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR954:30 XP532:32 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Thursday 7th November 1968 [@MAR 03/19]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP534:15 XP516:16 XP541:41 visited Lossiemouth.				

Friday 8th November 1968 [@MAR 03/19]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP532:32 XP540:40 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Saturday 9th November 1968 [AIR 27/3136]

XM520	520	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	'RRR6619' F/L J W Kleynhans
Diversion whilst routing Luqa-Lyneham.				

Sunday 10th November 1968 [AIR 27/3136]

XM520	520	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	To Lyneham, see 9.11
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Monday 11th November 1968 [AIR 27/3146][AIR 27/3140]

111 Sqn MPC 1x missile fired				
XH558	-	Vulcan B.2	101 Sqn	F/L Manners-Spencer at 10:55
XM605	-	Vulcan B.2	101 Sqn	F/L Haven at 11:18
Both Vulcans were Exercise 'Micky Finn' dispersals.				

Tuesday 12th November 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

		Sea Vixen FAW.		
Returned to Valley with smoke in the cockpit, 22 Sqn scrambled Whirlwind HAR.10 XP349 [F/O Ridyard] but not required as the aircraft landed safely.				

Wednesday 13th November 1968 [BJ]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke
G-ASMF	-	Beech Travel Air	Charrington	To Speke

Thursday 14th November 1968 [AIR 29/3797][AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3043][AIR 27/3062][MB]

The dispersal Vulcans departed back to Waddington, see 11.11.				
XH558	-	Vulcan B.2	101 Sqn	To Waddington 08:01
XM605	-	Vulcan B.2	101 Sqn	To Waddington 08:01
XV191	191	Hercules C.1	36 Sqn	F/L Kemp
Routed: Lyneham-Waddington-Valley-Lyneham. Called out to this task. Exercise Micky Finn recovery, see 11.11.				
XV195	195	Hercules C.1	24 Sqn	F/L J Gray
Routed: Lyneham-Valley-Waddington-Brawdy-Valley-Lyneham.				
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XP510	10	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	5257.3N 00437.0W
Abandoned at night near Nefyn [200deg/18nms from Valley] after loss of control in a spin due to slipstream of another aircraft. Picked up by Whirlwind HAR.10 XP349 22 Sqn [F/O M A Ridyard] the helicopter was homed in by Gnat T.1 'G21' and the homing beacons were picked up at 6nms and then a light plus day/night flare. Both pilots picked up by double lift and flown to Valley SSQ. Cause attributed to coarse handling of the controls whilst flying within the buffet and inducing a spiral with insufficient height to recover.				

Instr	F/L	R Keith Piggott	Ejected, minor injuries
Student	F/O	John Loftus	Ejected, back injury.

Friday 15th November 1968 [AIR 27/3021]

		Canberra B[I].8	14 Sqn	W/C T J McElhaw
From and to Wildenrath.				

Monday 18th November 1968 [AIR 27/3146][MB]

111 Sqn MPC 1x missile fired				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP535:54 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 28.11 Gnat T.1 XP539:39 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 28.11				

Friday 22nd November 1968 [AIR 27/3146]

All 111 Sqn aircraft were back at Wattisham by this date post MPC. Their departure from Valley was delayed due to weather at Wattisham.				
		?x Lightning	111 Sqn	

Monday 25th November 1968 [Pprune PE_3721 logbook*]

XR763	[G]	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	MPC Day visit
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Wednesday 27th November 1968 [@MAR 03/19][AIR 27/3040]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise with Beaumaris Lifeboat.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR538:01 XR983:53 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Thursday 28th November 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

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

December 1968 [AIR 29/3797]

Station Flight handled 169 visitors including 4 VIP.				

Sunday 1st December 1968 [Pprune PE_3721 logbook*][Pprune MAINJAVAD][AIR 29/3797][AIR 27/3041][AIR 27/3043][AIR 27/3195]

23 Sqn arrived for their MPC. 23 Sqn MPC 1-12.12, 3 Firestreak & 2 Red Top Missiles fired. XR725 can be seen in the Course photo. Valley ORB says completed in 6 working days; plan was until 20.12. The Sqn report mentions only 5 F.6's plus the TFF F.1 with 2 F.6's plus the TFF F.1 with 2 F.6's [XR729 & XS938:E] exchanged during the visit.				
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XR725	[A]	Lightning F.6*	23 Sqn	MPC W/C D McClen
XR763	[G]	Lightning F.6*	23 Sqn	MPC F/L J H Fawcett
XR756	[S]	Lightning F.6*	23 Sqn	MPC F/L A J Craig
XR762	[L]	Lightning F.6*	23 Sqn	MPC F/L D J Gurney
XS937	[C]	Lightning F.6*	23 Sqn	MPC F/O G Brindle
		Lightning F.1	TFF	Target F/L E M Lance
XV210	210	Hercules C.1	24 Sqn	'RRR3647' W/C J F H Tetley
Routed: Lyneham-Leuchars-Valley-Lyneham, 23 Sqn MPC support.				
XP445	445	Argosy C.1	267 Sqn	Diversion ? 'RRR7003' F/O Darling
Diverted whilst routing: Luqa-Lyneham.				

Monday 2nd December 1968 [DF][AIR 27/3216][AIR 27/3195]

XP445	445	Argosy C.1	267 Sqn	'RRR7003' to Lyneham, see 1.12
XR371	371	Belfast C.1	53 Sqn	'RRR6788' W/C Spottiswood
Weather diversion Akrotiri-Brize, departed to Brize later same day.				
WG788	-	Canberra B.2*	RRE	Diversion.
WH660	-	Canberra B.2*	RRE	Diversion.
*Both diverted from Pershore whilst carrying out Sea Dart Missile trials. Returned to Pershore in the afternoon.				

Tuesday 3rd December 1968 [AIR 27/3041][AIR 27/3216][MB]

23 Sqn MPC				
1x Firestreak fired [XR756:[S]][F/L Fawcett]				
XR362	362	Belfast C.1	53 Sqn	'RRR6712'
Weather diversion Gander-Brize [F/L Walker] departed to Brize same day [F/L Reynolds]				
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL600:83 repairs complete 15.11, returned to 4 FTS on this date, see 11.10.68				

Wednesday 4th December 1968 [BJ][@MAR 02/19]

G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke, N/stop
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS106:36 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Friday 6th December 1968 [AIR 27/3041]

23 Sqn MPC				
1x missile fired [XR762:[L]][F/L D J Gurney]				



[D Gurney Collection]

1x missile fired [XS938:[E]][F/L J N Anders]

XS938	[E]	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	MPC to Leuchars F/L J H Fawcett
		Lightning F.1	TFF	MPC to Leuchars

Monday 9th December 1968 [AIR 27/3041]

23 Sqn MPC 1x missile fired [XR727:[F]][F/L A J Craig] 1x missile fired [XS937:[C]][W/C McClen]				

Tuesday 10th December 1968 [BJ][AIR 27/3041][@MAR 02/19]

XR752	[G]	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	MPC to Leuchars F/O G Brindle
G-ASUU	-	DH.114 Heron 2B	EE Co.	From Speke

Based noted:

Gnat T.1 XS104:44 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.

Wednesday 11th December 1968 [Pprune MAINJAVAD][@MAR 02/19][AIR 27/3040]

*Scrambled to Aberporth Range. 1x Red Top firing.				
XP765	[A]	Lightning F.3*	[29 Sqn]	
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XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Ridyard
Recalled from a training flight and after refuelling proceeded to Lake Bala area to pick up a student navigator suffering from exposure. Casualty picked up at OS 117/906262 and flown to Valley SSQ. [APO Shelbourne, 119 Cse, 2 ANS, RAF Gaydon]				
Based noted:				

Gnat T.1 XS103:59 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.
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Thursday 12th December 1968 [AIR 27/3041][AIR 27/3183]

The remaining 23 Sqn aircraft departed back to Leuchars post MPC.				
XR727	[F]	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	To Leuchars W/C D McClen
XS937	[C]	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	To Leuchars F/L D J Gurney
XR725	[A]	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	To Leuchars F/L A J Craig
WL745	[O]	Shackleton MR.2	210 Sqn	W/C Sheret

Friday 13th December 1968 [AIR 27/3040][MB]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/L Nice
Supply drop carried out to the RN Frigate Loch Fada which was under tow by the tug 'Reward' to the SW of Isle of Man. Air cover and location assistance provided by a Shackleton aircraft, on arrival Winchman lowered with supplies, helicopter then returned to Valley.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR952:31 4 FTS repairs complete, back to 4 FTS see 15.8.68				

Saturday 14th December 1968 [AIR 27/3041][AIR 27/3062]

		Hercules C.1		'RRR3659'
XV210	210	Hercules C.1	36 Sqn	'RRR3667' F/L Kemp
Routed: Lyneham-Valley-Leuchars-Lyneham, return of 23 Sqn MPC support to Leuchars.				

Sunday 15th December 1968 [MC 1/69][AIR 27/3040]

62-4462	-	T-39A*	20 TFW	
*Airways traffic logged inbound to Valley.				
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XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Nice
Rowing boat with 8 occupants in difficulty between the mainland and Puffin Island. Search commenced but informed it was a false alarm. Mistaken for a group of seals on a sandbank.				

Monday 16th December 1968 [@MAR 02/19]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR982:51 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Wednesday 18th December 1968 [@MAR 02/19][AIR 27/3040]

		Gnat T.1	4 FTS	
MAYDAY call with a critical fuel state heading for Llanbedr, landed safely at Llanbedr. 22 Sqn scrambled Whirlwind HAR.10 XP349 'PEDRO22' [F/O Taylor] for this incident but recalled after the Gnat landed safely.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP533:33 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Tuesday 24th December 1968 [AIR 29/3797]

		Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	Skerries festive run.
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Saturday 28th December 1968 [AIR 29/3797][AIR 27/3040]

XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Ridyard
Injured climber on Snowdon, on arrival MRT team was airlifted to the casualty. The injured climber was half way down a sheer rock face which was inaccessible to the helicopter. Helicopter was closed down at Ogwen Cottage waiting for the casualty to be brought down, as this had not been accomplished by dusk the aircraft returned to Valley.				

Sunday 29th December 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Ridyard
Search carried out at Walney Point for a missing glider with pilot, nothing seen.				

Monday 30th December 1968 [AIR 27/3040]

XP350	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/O Ridyard
Search carried out at Walney Point for a missing glider with pilot, nothing seen, see 29.12 searched until 'Pedro23' positioned to Blackpool Airport then returned to Valley, see 31.12				
XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO23' Sgt Springate
Continued the search for the missing glider and pilot, night stopped Blackpool Airport.				

Tuesday 31st December 1968 [Fightercontrol site 'Downrange'] [AIR 27/3040]

5-109	-	C-130E	Iranian AF	'IRANIAN5109' arr. 13:12Z
5-118	-	C-130E	Iranian AF	'IRANIAN5118' arr.13:03Z
Possible movements through a teletype arrival message on 31.12.68 5-118 was at Lyneham 18.12.68 & 5-108 was there 26.12				
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XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO23' Sgt Springate
Search called off at midday but whilst returning to Valley wreckage was spotted on Prestatyn Beach which was confirmed as the missing glider. Further search revealed nothing, and the aircraft returned to Valley.				