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# RAF Valley

## Aircraft Movements

### 1970

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#### UPDATE V2

Airshow Flying Programme front cover.  
Additional 4 FTS movements.  
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#### SUMMARY

Lulsgate Air Services started flying into Valley as part of the construction of the Anglesey Aluminium plant in Holyhead.  
During Nov/Dec 1970 there were proposals to move the Strike Command MPC Unit to Brawdy on a permanent basis, this was turned down and the Unit remained at Valley.

#### 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                               |

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|---------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 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                       |
| JSTU    | Joint Services Trials Unit                         |
| MCS     | Metropolitan Communications Squadron               |
| MCU     | Marine Craft Unit                                  |
| MoA     | Ministry of Aviation                               |
| MOTU    | Maritime Operational Training Unit                 |
| MPC     | Missile Practice Camp                              |
| MU      | Maintenance Unit                                   |
| NAS     | Naval Air Squadron                                 |
| NAVEX   | Navigation Exercise                                |
| NCS     | Northern Communications Squadron                   |
| N/stop  | Night stop                                         |
| OCU     | Operational Conversion Unit                        |
| ORB     | Operations Record Book                             |
| 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                                           |
| STCAAME | Strike Command Air-to-Air Establishment            |
| TFS/TFW | Tactical Fighter Squadron/Wing                     |
| TRS/TRW | Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron/Wing [USAF]       |
| TTF     | Tanker Training Flight                             |

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| UAS      | University Air Squadron |
| VIP      | Very Important Person   |
| W/e stop | Weekend stop            |
| WGAF     | West German Air Force   |

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| <p>In 1970 RAF Valley were using the following frequencies:</p> <p>Valley Ground 269.5</p> <p>Valley Tower 384.4</p> <p>Valley Approach 374.1</p> <p>Valley Director 250.4</p> <p>Valley Talkdown 254.3</p> <p>Aberporth Primary 250.5</p> <p>Aberporth Secondary 272.8</p> |  |
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**1970**



[Dick Thomas Collection]

Although undated, there are a few clues as to when this photograph was taken, possibly at a Display or a VIP visit judging by the white ropes & posts. Gnat T.1 XP530:64 was painted in the new red/white colour scheme in January 1969 and the Hunter behind XL621:81 was lost 17.5.71. The Lightning at the end of the flightline is most probably F.2A XN775:B 92 Sqn from Gutersloh possibly on a Missile Practice Camp.

**January 1970** [AIR 29/3799]

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| Station Flight dealt with 252 movements including 4 VIP. |
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**January 1970** [AIR 29/3799]

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|                                                           |  | Lightning |  |  |
| No.2 engine fire landed safely. Possibly 226 OCU, see 5.1 |  |           |  |  |

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1970** [AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3040]

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| XR997                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 25  | Gnat T.1              | 4 FTS                             |  |
| Crashed into farm buildings at Ty Mawr, Llanfaelog after a manual roller landing. 22 Sqn Whirlwind HAR.10 XJ429 'PEDRO22' [F/L Nice] was scrambled to the scene of the crash but could not be of any assistance. No attempt was made to eject, the crew were found still in the aircraft. |     |                       |                                   |  |
| Instr                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | F/L | Peter Jack Phillips   | Killed                            |  |
| Student                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | F/O | Anthony Trevor Carter | Killed [12 Refresher Gnat Course] |  |

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 1970** [AIR 29/3799][AIR 29/3670]

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| 16 IWI Course/226 OCU arrived from Coltishall for their MPC.<br>226 OCU MPC 5-7.1, 2 missiles allocated but not fired due to weather. |  |                |         |                      |
|                                                                                                                                       |  | ?x Lightning   | 226 OCU | MPC                  |
|                                                                                                                                       |  | ?x Wessex HC.2 | 18 Sqn  | Detachment until 7.1 |

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 1970** [AIR 29/3799][Roundel 90/01][MB]

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| XL591                                                                                                                                                         | 82 | Hunter T.7 | 4 FTS |    |
| Aircraft hit a snowbank and wrote off the port main undercarriage but landed safely, repaired. <b>Assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 26.1</b> |    |            |       |    |
|                                                                                                                                                               |    |            |       | Ok |
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**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 1970** [AIR 27/3135][AIR 27/3040]

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| XM489                                                             | 489 | Britannia C.1    | 99 Sqn | 'RRR6565' F/L W F Bird |
| Routed: Akrotiri-Valley.                                          |     |                  |        |                        |
| -                                                                 |     |                  |        |                        |
|                                                                   | -   | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn |                        |
| Exercise with the Towyn Army Outward Bound School on Cader Idris. |     |                  |        |                        |

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January 1970** [AIR 27/3041][AIR 27/3135]

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| 23 Sqn arrived from Leuchars for their MPC.<br>23 Sqn MPC 11-30.1, 3 Red Top missiles fired.<br>Failed to complete the firing programme in its 3-week detachment due to high crosswinds at Llanbedr and shipping on the range. 226 OCU are also quoted as being here the same time? [the F.1 could possibly have been either XM135 XM145:145 or XM177:177] |     |               |        |                                     |
| XR754                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | M   | Lightning F.6 | 23 Sqn | MPC S/L E Durham                    |
| XS936                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | B   | Lightning F.6 | 23 Sqn | MPC F/L B P Carroll                 |
| XR763                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | G   | Lightning F.6 | 23 Sqn | MPC F/L M W Stretten                |
| XR747                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | K   | Lightning F.6 | 23 Sqn | MPC F/O P V Boothroyd               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |     | Lightning F.1 | TFF    | MPC target aircraft F/O R Partridge |
| Target Facilities Flight.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     |               |        |                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |     | Hercules C.1  |        | From Leuchars 23 Sqn MPC support    |
| XM489                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 489 | Britannia C.1 | 99 Sqn | 'RRR6565' to Lyneham, see 10.1      |

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 1970** [Pprune MAINJAVAD][AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3041]

|       |   |                |         |                                  |
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| XR728 | D | Lightning F.6  | 23 Sqn  | MPC from Leuchars F/L R Pengelly |
|       |   | ?x Wessex HU.5 | 845 NAS | Detachment until 16.1            |

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1970** [MB]

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| Based noted:<br><b>Gnat T.1 XP511:11 4 FTS [F/O Smith] to Bitteswell for limited reconditioning.</b> |  |  |  |  |

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 1970** [AIR 27/3040]

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|-------------------------------------------------|---|------------------|--------|--|
| XJ429                                           | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn |  |
| Engine fire and forced landing on the Airfield. |   |                  |        |  |

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 1970** [AIR 27/3041]

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| 23 Sqn MPC                                                                   |  |  |  |  |
| 1x Red Top fired [XS936:B][F/L Stretten]                                     |  |  |  |  |
| 1x Red Top fired [XR762:L][F/O Boothroyd]                                    |  |  |  |  |
| XR762 wasn't one of the original aircraft, must have arrived at some stage ? |  |  |  |  |
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**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 1970** [MB]

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| G/C J F Langer assumes command of the Station.                                       |  |  |  |  |
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| Based noted:                                                                         |  |  |  |  |
| Gnat T.1 XP500:50 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing [red/white/grey scheme] |  |  |  |  |
| Gnat T.1 XR569:08 returned from Kemble, see 5.12.69                                  |  |  |  |  |

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 1970** [AIR 29/3799]

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| Commandant CFS, AVM I G Broom paid a farewell visit to the CFS[H] detachment, by air? |  |   |  |  |

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 1970** [AIR 27/3041][MB]

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| 23 Sqn MPC                                                                        |  |  |  |  |
| 1x Red Top fired [XR728:D][F/L Hemmings]                                          |  |  |  |  |
|                                                                                   |  |  |  |  |
| Based noted:                                                                      |  |  |  |  |
| Hunter T.7 XL609:80 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 60 MU from 12.2 |  |  |  |  |

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1970** [AIR 27/3081]

|                                                |       |             |        |                    |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------|--------|--------------------|
| XS596                                          | [596] | Andover C.1 | 46 Sqn | 'RRR4907' F/L Tait |
| Routed: Abingdon-Brize Norton-Valley-Abingdon. |       |             |        |                    |

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1970** [AIR 27/3081][AIR 4/218]

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| XS602                                      | [602] | Andover C.1  | 46 Sqn   | 'RRR4907' F/L Tait |
| Routed: Abingdon-Valley-Northolt-Abingdon. |       |              |          |                    |
| XE597                                      | [E]   | Hunter FGA.9 | 4[UK]Sqn | F/L S Beckley      |
| From & to West Raynham.                    |       |              |          |                    |

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 1970** [AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3150]

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| XP411                                 | 411 | Argosy C.1 | 114 Sqn | 'RRR4304' F/L Budd |
| Routed: Benson-Valley-Teeside-Benson. |     |            |         |                    |
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| XP345                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'PEDRO22' F/L Nice |
| Scrambled to rescue 2 balloonists which ran out of propane gas whilst crossing from Ireland to England, ditched 30nms West of Valley, 1 person was flown to Valley SSQ and then the Captain of the Balloon who had stayed with it had been transferred to a Coastal Freighter suffering from exposure was also flown to Valley. This was well publicised in the National Press. Later, XP349 [F/L Nice] guided the Holyhead Lifeboat to the spot where the 1113 MCU Launch had lost all power and was stranded, this was towed back to Holyhead Harbour. |   |                  |        |                    |
| Based noted:<br>Whirlwind HAR.10 XP349 22 Sqn delivery from St Mawgan.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |   |                  |        |                    |

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 1970** [MC 3/70][AIR 27/3041]

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| 23 Sqn departed back to Leuchars post their MPC.<br>Announced on 8.5.70 that 23 Sqn had won the Aberporth Trophy. |   |                 |         |                              |
| XR725                                                                                                             | A | Lightning F.6   | 23 Sqn  | To Leuchars S/L E Durham     |
| XR754                                                                                                             | M | Lightning F.6   | 23 Sqn  | To Leuchars F/L R Pengelly   |
| XR763                                                                                                             | G | Lightning F.6   | 23 Sqn  | To Leuchars F/L M W Stretten |
| XR747                                                                                                             | K | Lightning F.6   | 23 Sqn  | To Leuchars F/L B P Carroll  |
| G-ASSU                                                                                                            | - | DH.114 Heron 1B | Private | To Leicester East            |

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 1970** [BJ][AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3040]

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| G-ATJR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | - | PA-23 Aztec 250C | Private | Lulsgate Air Services |
| From and to Speke.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |   |                  |         |                       |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |   |                  |         |                       |
| XP349                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn  | 'PEDRO22' F/O Haqui   |
| Scrambled to search for a USAF F-100 2nms off the Jurby coast, IoM. Search revealed debris and human remains confirming the pilot had been killed, 2 sorties were flown. This was F-100D 56-3217 494 TFS/48 TFW at Lakenheath, the pilot was Capt Paul L Barwick, flew into the sea whilst at the Jurby Bombing Range, Isle of Man. The helicopter refuelled at Ronaldsway, IoM before returning to Valley. |   |                  |         |                       |

**February 1970** [AIR 29/3799]

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| Station Flight handled 128 visitors including 5 VIP's during February. |  |  |  |  |
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**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1970** [AIR 27/3150][@MAR07/23][MB]

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| XR138                                                                                                                                                               | 138 | Argosy C.1 | 114 Sqn | 'RRR4563' F/L Budd |
| Routed: Benson-Coltishall-Valley-Benson.                                                                                                                            |     |            |         |                    |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR571:23 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by CWP from 13.2<br>Gnat T.1 XS106:36 XP542:42 XP535:54 4 FTS all visited Lossiemouth. |     |            |         |                    |

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 1970** [@MAR07/23]

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| Based noted: |  |  |  |  |

Gnat T.1 XR538:01 XR977:46 XR980:48 XP535:54 4 FTS all visited Lossiemouth.  
Gnat T.1 XR951:26 4 FTS N/stop Lossiemouth.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 1970** [MC 2/70][AIR 27/3041][MB]

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| 23 Sqn [MPC]<br>1x Red Top fired [XR728:D][F/L B P Carroll]<br>1x Red Top fired [XR762:L][F/L R Pengelly]<br>Were these extra firings ? 23 Sqn MPC had been completed 29.1.70        |     |        |         |                          |
| 0-48913                                                                                                                                                                              | [-] | VC-47D | 7513 TG | To Lakenheath [43-48913] |
| TG – Tactical Group                                                                                                                                                                  |     |        |         |                          |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XS100:57 [F/L Lonnegan] returned from Bitteswell, see 9.9.69<br>Gnat T.1 XS102:58 4 FTS [F/L Lonnegan] to Bitteswell for CAT.3 repair/overhaul, see 2.12.69 |     |        |         |                          |

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February** [AIR 27/3021][BAR 70/03][AIR 27/3081]

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|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|--------|-----------------------|
| XS602                                                    | [602] | Andover C.1     | 46 Sqn | 'RRR4950' F/L Daniels |
| Routed: Abingdon-Wattisham-Valley-Abingdon.              |       |                 |        |                       |
|                                                          |       | Canberra B[I].8 | 14 Sqn | Used Jurby Range, IoM |
| From and to Wildenrath.                                  |       |                 |        |                       |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR535:05 4 FTS visited Lyneham. |       |                 |        |                       |

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 1970** [AIR 29/3799]

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| XP347                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'PEDRO22' F/L Nice |
| A busy day, called to aid 2 men stranded on a sandbar in the Dee estuary, they declined any assistance and walked to safety. On returning to Valley the aircraft was scrambled again to rescue a fallen climber near the Watkin Path on Snowdon [OS 107/613555]. Bad weather and turbulence prevented the crew from reaching the casualty and they landed at the Valley MRT Base camp nearby. They were then notified of 2 further climbers having fallen nearby, 2 stretchers were dropped off and the aircraft returned to Valley. |   |                  |        |                    |

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 1970** [AIR 27/3056]

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| XS769                               | - | Basset CC.1 | 32 Sqn | 'RRR1411' F/L Atkinson |
| Routed: Northolt-Valley-Aldergrove. |   |             |        |                        |

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 1970** [AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3051][AIR 27/3091][AIR 27/3062]

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| 56 Sqn arrived from Akrotiri for their MPC.<br>56 Sqn MPC 11.2-4.3<br>From Akrotiri, Cyprus non-stop air-refuelled by Victor tankers.<br>29 Sqn flew to Cyprus to cover the Air Defence of Cyprus whilst 56 Sqn were on MPC.<br>56 Sqn completed their MPC 4.3 and flew to Cyprus 10/11.3 with 6 aircraft. |  |           |        |                 |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | Lightning | 56 Sqn | MPC W/C Kelly   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | Lightning | 56 Sqn | MPC F/L Brindle |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | Lightning | 56 Sqn | MPC F/L Childs  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | Lightning | 56 Sqn | MPC F/L Griffin |

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|                                                      |     | Lightning    | 56 Sqn | MPC F/L Gordon-Johnson |
|                                                      |     | Lightning    | 56 Sqn | MPC F/L Markell        |
| XV299                                                | 299 | Hercules C.1 | 36 Sqn | 'RRR3807'              |
| Routed: Akrotiri-Valley-Lyneham, 56 Sqn MPC support. |     |              |        |                        |

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 1970 [AIR 27/3150][@MAR07/23]**

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| XN848                                                                              | 848 | Argosy C.1 | 114 Sqn | 'RRR4536' F/L Warner |
| Routed: Akrotiri-Luqa-Valley landing 23:30.                                        |     |            |         |                      |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR951:26 XS106:36 XP538:38 4 FTS all visited Lossiemouth. |     |            |         |                      |

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 1970 [AIR 27/3150]**

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| XN848                                      | 848 | Argosy C.1  | 114 Sqn | 'RRR4536' to Benson, see 12.2 |
| XN857                                      | 857 | Argosy C.1* | 114 Sqn | 'RRR5639' F/L David           |
| *Routed: Benson-St Mawgan-Valley-Leuchars. |     |             |         |                               |

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 1970 [BJ]**

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| G-ATJR             | - | PA-23 Aztec 250C | Private | Lulsgate Air Services |
| From and to Speke. |   |                  |         |                       |

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 1970 [BJ][AIR 27/3021][AIR 27/3040][@MAR07/23][MB]**

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| G-ARYM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | - | DH.104 Dove 8    | BICC   | To Speke            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |   | Canberra B[I].8  | 14 Sqn |                     |
| Routed: Wildenrath-Manston-Valley-Leuchars-Manston.<br>Departed back to Wildenrath 20.2 due to weather there on 19.2                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |   |                  |        |                     |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |   |                  |        |                     |
| XP349                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'PEDRO22' F/L Moyes |
| Airlift seaman from SS Druba to Bangor Hospital. He was originally from the Shell tanker 'Melo' 5nms off St John's Point off the Irish coast [5410N 00540W] but was transferred to the SS Druba before the helicopter arrived. Flown via Valley to re-fuel.                                                                          |   |                  |        |                     |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR951:26 XP540:40 XP542:42 XS104:44 4 FTS all visited Lossiemouth.<br>Gnat T.1 XP533:33 [F/L Hodgson] returned from Bitteswell, see 17.9.69<br>Hunter T.7 XL573 delivered from 5 MU Kemble to 4 FTS becoming '97' – on loan until 3.71 ?<br>Hunter T.7 XL600:83 4 FTS visited Kemble, taxi for T.7 XL573:97 |   |                  |        |                     |

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 1970 [MB]**

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| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP500:50 4 FTS from 5 MU Kemble, see 16.1.70<br>Gnat T.1 XR535:05 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing. |  |  |  |  |

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1970 [GP][MB]**

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| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP541:41 4 FTS [F/L Hodgson] to Bitteswell for limited overhaul & CAT.3 repair.<br>Hunter T.7 XL622:81 4 FTS delivered to Leconfield [Returned by 7.70] |  |  |  |  |
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**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 1970** [MC 4/70][AIR 27/3040][@MAR07/23]

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| G-AWOX                                                                                             | - | Wessex 60        | Bristows | From East Midlands |
| -                                                                                                  |   |                  |          |                    |
| XP347                                                                                              | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn   | F/L Moyes          |
| CASEVAC SAC Sherman from Valley SSQ to Bangor Hospital.                                            |   |                  |          |                    |
| Based noted:<br>Hunter T.7 XL600:83 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth with F.6A XJ637:52 [loan aircraft ?] |   |                  |          |                    |

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 1970** [BAR 70/03]

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| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP542:42 4 FTS visited Lyneham. |  |  |  |  |

**March 1970** [AIR 29/3799]

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| Station Flight dealt with 192 movements including 5 VIP. |  |  |  |  |
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**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 1970** [@MAR.09/25]

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| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR980:48 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth. |  |  |  |  |

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 1970** [AIR 27/3195]

|                                                              |     |            |         |                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------------|---------|-----------------------|
| XR138                                                        | 138 | Argosy C.1 | 267 Sqn | 'RRR5653' F/O Griffin |
| Routed: Benson-Valley-Wattisham-Benson. [post MPC support ?] |     |            |         |                       |

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1970** [AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3195][AIR 27/3150]

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| XP441                                                                            | 441 | Argosy C.1       | 267 Sqn | 'RRR4595'               |
| XR106                                                                            | 106 | Argosy C.1       | 114 Sqn | 'RRR4594' S/L Springett |
| Both Argosies routed: Benson-Leuchars-Valley-Benson, 11 Sqn MPC support, see 8.3 |     |                  |         |                         |
| -                                                                                |     |                  |         |                         |
|                                                                                  | -   | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn  |                         |
| Detached to Blackpool for 3 days to participate in Exercise 'Gas Float'          |     |                  |         |                         |

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 1970** [AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3018]

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| 11 Sqn arrived from Leuchars for their MPC.<br>11 Sqn MPC 8-25.3, unable to fire any missiles due to circumstances beyond their control. All 6 aircraft were grounded 21.3 and remained at Valley pending completion of a major inspection in accordance with STC/PW/AVON 002/003 engine inspections. 11 Sqn ORB only mentions 5 aircraft. |  |              |        |     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | Lightning F. | 11 Sqn | MPC |

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|  |  | Lightning F. | 11 Sqn | MPC |
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|  |  | Lightning F. | 11 Sqn | MPC |
|  |  | Lightning    | 11 Sqn | MPC |

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 1970** [AIR 27/3041][AIR 27/3040]

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| *Scrambled from Leuchars to Aberporth Range.<br>*Firing aborted as the flare pack on the Jindivik failed to ignite.<br>*Landed at Valley. |   |                |        |                                |
| XR747                                                                                                                                     | K | Lightning F.6* | 23 Sqn | STCAAME Maj D M Bassett [USMC] |
|                                                                                                                                           |   | ?              |        |                                |
| AOC SOUMAR, AVM Downey visited 22 Sqn, arrive by air ?                                                                                    |   |                |        |                                |

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 1970** [Dave Morgan logbook\*][AIR 27/3091][AIR 27/3052][MB]

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| 56 Sqn completed their MPC and returned to Akrotiri.                          |      |               |         |                                  |
|                                                                               |      | Lightning     | 56 Sqn  | To Cyprus W/C Kelly              |
|                                                                               |      | Lightning     | 56 Sqn  | To Cyprus                        |
|                                                                               |      | Lightning     | 56 Sqn  | To Cyprus                        |
|                                                                               |      | Lightning     | 56 Sqn  | To Cyprus                        |
|                                                                               |      | Lightning     | 56 Sqn  | To Cyprus                        |
|                                                                               |      | Lightning     | 56 Sqn  | To Cyprus                        |
| XS930                                                                         | F    | Lightning F.6 | 11 Sqn  | MPC from Leuchars [Gyles]        |
| XV305                                                                         | 305  | Hercules C.1  | 30 Sqn  | 'RRR3841' F/L Cane from Fairford |
| XS184                                                                         | [62] | JP T.4*       | [3 FTS] |                                  |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR574:24 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R [deferred/flyable] |      |               |         |                                  |

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 1970** [AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3052]

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| XS930                                                                  | F   | Lightning F.6  | 11 Sqn | To Leuchars, see 10.3 [Gyles] |
| XS930                                                                  | F   | Lightning F.6* | 11 Sqn | [Gyles]                       |
| *Flew back to Valley from Leuchars and then returned back to Leuchars. |     |                |        |                               |
|                                                                        |     | ?              |        |                               |
| AOC NORMAR, AVM Wakeford visited 22 Sqn, by air ?                      |     |                |        |                               |
| XV305                                                                  | 305 | Hercules C.1   | 30 Sqn | 'RRR3841' to Akrotiri         |
| 56 Sqn support post their MPC.                                         |     |                |        |                               |

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 1970** [SG][@MAR.09/25]

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| 11 Sqn MPC<br>XS930 [Gyles] flew a weapons check.<br>XR724 [Gyles] target for MPC practice.<br>XS930 [Gyles] MPC profile. |   |               |        |                           |
| XS930                                                                                                                     | F | Lightning F.6 | 11 Sqn | MPC from Leuchars [Gyles] |
| XR724                                                                                                                     | M | Lightning F.6 | 11 Sqn | MPC                       |

Based noted:  
2x Gnat T.1 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 1970** [BJ][AIR 27/3021][SG][@MAR.09/25]

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| XS931                                                                                                          | G | Lightning F.6    | 11 Sqn  | Air test [Gyles]      |
| G-ATJR                                                                                                         | - | PA-23 Aztec 250C | Private | Lulsgate Air Services |
| From and to Speke.                                                                                             |   |                  |         |                       |
|                                                                                                                |   | Canberra B[I].8  | 14 Sqn  | F/O R Newman          |
| From and to Wildenrath.                                                                                        |   |                  |         |                       |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XS106:36 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.<br>Hunter T.7 XL600:83 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth. |   |                  |         |                       |

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 1970** [AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3040]

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| XJ429                                                                                                                                                                                        | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/O Haqui |
| Fallen climber at OS 591557, nothing sighted at that position but casualty was sighted at OS 604558. MRT members and Winchman lowered and casualty stretchered and flown to Bangor Hospital. |   |                  |        |           |

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 1970** [Pprune spekesoftly logbook\*]

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| XP683 | [49] | JP T.4* | 1 FTS | N/stop |
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**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 1970** [BJ][Pprune spekesoftly logbook\*]

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| G-ASHW | -    | DH.104 Dove 8 | Scottish Avn | From Speke, dep 18.3        |
| XP683  | [49] | JP T.4        | 1 FTS        | To Linton-on-Ouse, see 16.3 |

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 1970** [AIR 27/3040][MB]

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| 11 Sqn MPC<br>XS930 [Gyles] local flight.<br>XS931 [Gyles] local flight.                                                                                        |   |                  |        |                     |
| XS930                                                                                                                                                           | F | Lightning F.6    | 11 Sqn | MPC                 |
| XS931                                                                                                                                                           | G | Lightning F.6    | 11 Sqn | MPC                 |
| -                                                                                                                                                               |   |                  |        |                     |
| XJ429                                                                                                                                                           | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'PEDRO22' F/O Haqui |
| Capsized boat in the Menai Straits, on arrival no assistance required.                                                                                          |   |                  |        |                     |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR535:05 4 FTS returned from Kemble, see 22.2.70<br>Gnat T.1 XR977:46 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing, return date unknown. |   |                  |        |                     |

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 1970** [SG]

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| 11 Sqn MPC<br>XS930 [Gyles] MPC profile.<br>XR723 [Gyles] 5-ship formation. |   |               |        |     |
| XS930                                                                       | F | Lightning F.6 | 11 Sqn | MPC |

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| XR723 | L | Lightning F.6 | 11 Sqn | MPC |
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**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 1970** [AIR 27/3021][SG]

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|-----------------|--------|------------------------------|
| XR723                                                                     | L | Lightning F.6   | 11 Sqn | To and from Leuchars [Gyles] |
|                                                                           |   | Canberra B[I].8 | 14 Sqn | F/O A J Cassidy              |
| From and to Wildenrath.<br>Landed after a bombing exercise at Jurby, IoM. |   |                 |        |                              |

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1970** [AIR 27/3062]

|                                          |     |              |        |            |
|------------------------------------------|-----|--------------|--------|------------|
| XV196                                    | 196 | Hercules C.1 | 36 Sqn | F/L Mercer |
| Routed: Lyneham-Leuchars-Valley-Lyneham. |     |              |        |            |

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1970** [AIR 27/3040]

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| Harlech Television made a colour film of an aircraft rescue in the mountains, they were present at Valley for 2 days. |  |  |  |  |
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**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 1970** [AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3040][MB]

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| XJ429                                                                                                                                                                                                             | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/L Nice  |
| Airlifted an airman [SAC Mitchell] from 1113 MCU, Holyhead with a back injury to Bangor Hospital.                                                                                                                 |   |                  |        |           |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |   |                  |        |           |
| XP349                                                                                                                                                                                                             | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/O Haqui |
| CASEVAC SAC Mitchell [see above] from Bangor Hospital to RAF Hospital, Cosford.                                                                                                                                   |   |                  |        |           |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR574:24 4 FTS [F/L Hodgson] to HAS Bitteswell, see 10.3.70<br>[this was for a limited overhaul and the CAT.3 repair]<br>Hunter T.7 XL609:80 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 20.1.70 |   |                  |        |           |

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 1970** [BJ][AIR 27/3195]

|                                                                        |     |              |         |                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------------|---------|-----------------------|
| G-AWMP                                                                 | -   | Cessna F172H | Private | To Speke, Westair     |
| G-AROC                                                                 | -   | Cessna 175   | Private | From Birmingham       |
| XP440                                                                  | 440 | Argosy C.1   | 267 Sqn | 'RRR5677' F/L Spooner |
| Routed: Benson-Valley-Leuchars-Benson [returning 11 Sqn MPC support ?] |     |              |         |                       |

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 1970** [AIR 27/3081]

|                                              |  |             |        |                        |
|----------------------------------------------|--|-------------|--------|------------------------|
| XS639                                        |  | Andover C.1 | 46 Sqn | 'Round Robin' F/L Buck |
| Routed: Abingdon-Aldergrove-Valley-Abingdon. |  |             |        |                        |

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 1970** [AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3195][AIR 27/3081]

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| XN847                                                                 | 847 | Argosy C.1  | 267 Sqn | 'RRR4491' F/L Hickman |
| Routed: Benson-Leuchars-Valley-Benson [11 Sqn MPC support, see 1.4 ?] |     |             |         |                       |
| XS602                                                                 |     | Andover C.1 | 46 Sqn  | 'RRR4983' F/L Tate    |
| Routed: Abingdon-Wattisham-Valley-Wattisham-Valley-Abingdon.          |     |             |         |                       |

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| -                                                                                                              |   |                  |        |                     |
| XJ429                                                                                                          | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'PEDRO22' F/O Haqui |
| Injured climber at OS 616537, on arrival severe turbulence precluded a rescue and aircraft returned to Valley. |   |                  |        |                     |

**April 1970** [AIR 29/3799]

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| Station Flight dealt with 175 movements including 3 VIP. |  |  |  |  |
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**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 1970** [AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3018][AIR 27/3132][CJ]

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| *11 Sqn returned to finish their MPC.<br>*Departed 4.4.70, 2 missiles fired.<br>*11 Sqn ORB doesn't mention how many aircraft though.<br>**92 Sqn completed a short QRA firing programme.<br>**1x missile fired [S/L R H Palin]<br>**1x missile fired [F/L H N Rhodes]<br>**1x missile fired [F/O Prichard] |          |                       |                |                                         |
| XR724                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | M        | Lightning F.6*        | 11 Sqn         | MPC                                     |
| XS932                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | H        | Lightning F.6*        | 11 Sqn         | MPC                                     |
| XS904                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | A        | Lightning F.6*        | 11 Sqn         | MPC [Gyles] also quoted as <b>XS935</b> |
| <b>XS934</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>K</b> | <b>Lightning F.6</b>  | <b>11 Sqn</b>  | <b>STCAAME</b>                          |
| <b>XS930</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>F</b> | <b>Lightning F.6</b>  | <b>11 Sqn</b>  | <b>STCAAME</b>                          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          | Lightning F.2A**      | 92 Sqn         | STCAAME S/L R H Palin                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          | Lightning F.2A**      | 92 Sqn         | STCAAME F/L R H N Rhodes                |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |          | Lightning F.2A**      | 92 Sqn         | STCAAME F/O Prichard                    |
| <b>EI-ARN</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>-</b> | <b>Wren 460</b>       | <b>Private</b> | <b>Cessna 182 conversion</b>            |
| <b>G-ASUU</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>-</b> | <b>DH.114 Heron 2</b> | <b>Private</b> |                                         |

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1970** [AIR 27/3018][MB]

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| 11 Sqn MPC<br>1x Red Top fired [XS932:H][F/L Butcher]                                   |   |               |        |     |
| XS932                                                                                   | H | Lightning F.6 | 11 Sqn | MPC |
| XS904                                                                                   | A | Lightning F.6 | 11 Sqn | MPC |
| XR724                                                                                   | M | Lightning F.6 | 11 Sqn | MPC |
| <b>Based noted:</b><br><b>Gnat T.1 XP535:54 4 FTS visited Kemble, taxi for XR977:54</b> |   |               |        |     |

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1970** [AIR 27/3018]

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| 11 Sqn MPC<br>1x Red Top fired supersonic head-on [XR724:M][Gyles] |   |               |        |                     |
| XR724                                                              | M | Lightning F.6 | 11 Sqn | MPC                 |
| XS931                                                              | G | Lightning F.6 | 11 Sqn | To Leuchars [Gyles] |

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 1970** [BJ][AIR 27/3040]

|       |   |          |     |                             |
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| XW750 | - | HS.748-1 | RAE | 'NUGGET22' to Speke-Ringway |
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| -                                                                                                                                                         |   |                  |        |  |
|                                                                                                                                                           | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn |  |
| The 'Todman' SAR Trophy competition was held at Valley with the winners being B Flt/22 Sqn from Thorney Island. Possibly more SAR aircraft in attendance. |   |                  |        |  |

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 1970** [AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3051][CJ][MB]

|                                                                                                                 |     |               |         |                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------|---------|----------------------------------|
| 29 Sqn arrived from Wattisham for their MPC.<br>29 Sqn MPC 5-15.4, finished their MPC 3 days ahead of schedule. |     |               |         |                                  |
| XP764                                                                                                           | C   | Lightning F.3 | 29 Sqn  | MPC                              |
| XP736                                                                                                           | G   | Lightning F.3 | 29 Sqn  | MPC F/L M Smith                  |
| XP735                                                                                                           | J   | Lightning F.3 | 29 Sqn  | MPC                              |
| XP705                                                                                                           | L   | Lightning F.3 | 29 Sqn  | MPC                              |
| XP708                                                                                                           | N   | Lightning F.3 | 29 Sqn  | MPC                              |
| XP763                                                                                                           | P   | Lightning F.3 | 29 Sqn  | MPC                              |
| [XN747]                                                                                                         |     | Lightning F.2 | 92 Sqn  | MPC [blue & white checks 19 Sqn] |
| [XN747 is not a Lightning serial, possibly XN777:K]                                                             |     |               |         |                                  |
| XS419                                                                                                           | 419 | Lightning T.5 | 226 OCU | STCAAME                          |

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 1970** [CJ]

|        |   |                 |         |                     |
|--------|---|-----------------|---------|---------------------|
| XG597  | - | Whirlwind HAS.7 | BAC     | Warton SAR aircraft |
| G-ATKW | - | PA-23 Aztec C   | Private |                     |

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 1970** [AIR 27/3040][CJ]

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| WL622                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | [R] | Varsity T.1      | [115 Sqn] | 'Signals Command'                  |
| XM139                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | -   | Lightning F.1    | TFF       | Wattisham Target Facilities Flight |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |     |                  |           |                                    |
| XJ429                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | -   | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn    | 'PEDRO22' F/L Nice                 |
| 3 climbers who had fallen down Bristly Ridge on the Glyders [OS 107/662587] on arrival nothing seen. As the aircraft departed a party on top of the ridge were seen waving. Winchman was lowered and a climber assisted to the top of the ridge, he turned out to be one of the original group of 3 and was helped down by a group of Soldiers. |     |                  |           |                                    |
| XJ429                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | -   | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn    | 'PEDRO22' F/L Nice                 |
| Fallen climber at OS 107/637585, casualty stretchered to Bangor Hospital [David Paige 16, Maidenhead, Berkshire]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |     |                  |           |                                    |

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 1970** [AIR 27/3040][MB]

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| 29 Sqn MPC.<br>1x Firestreak fired [XP708][F/L M Smith]                                                                                                                             |     |                  |        |                      |
| XP708                                                                                                                                                                               | N   | Lightning F.3    | 29 Sqn | MPC                  |
| XP737                                                                                                                                                                               | [J] | Lightning F.3    | 29 Sqn | MPC                  |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                   |     |                  |        |                      |
| XJ429                                                                                                                                                                               | -   | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'PEDRO22' F/O Dainty |
| Fallen climber at OS 107/618554 airlifted to Bangor Hospital. His heart was restarted three times during the flight by the Medical Orderley. Sadly, the casualty died shortly after |     |                  |        |                      |

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| reaching the Hospital. |
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**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 1970** [AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3051][CJ]

|                                                                                             |     |                |         |         |
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| Mentioned in 29 Sqn ORB about MARTEL firings on the Range 9/10.4<br>Were they Valley based? |     |                |         |         |
| XM989                                                                                       | 989 | Lightning T.4  | 226 OCU | STCAAME |
| XM183                                                                                       | 183 | Lightning F.1A | 226 OCU | STCAAME |
|                                                                                             |     | Harrier        |         |         |
|                                                                                             |     | Argosy         |         |         |
|                                                                                             |     | Canberra       |         |         |

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 1970** [CJ]

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|--------|---|---------------|---------|--|
| G-ATJR | - | PA-23 Aztec C | Private |  |
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**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 1970** [AIR 27/3199]

|                                                                                  |     |               |         |                                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------|---------|----------------------------------|
| XL639                                                                            | 639 | Britannia C.1 | 511 Sqn | Diversion 'RRR6413' F/L Brittain |
| Diverted whilst enroute Akrotiri to Lyneham, departed to Lyneham later same day. |     |               |         |                                  |

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 1970** [AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3051][CJ]

|                                              |     |                |         |         |
|----------------------------------------------|-----|----------------|---------|---------|
| 29 Sqn MPC<br>3 missiles fired on this date. |     |                |         |         |
| XV328                                        | Z   | Lightning T.5  | 29 Sqn  | Non MPC |
| XP701                                        | M   | Lightning F.3  | 29 Sqn  | Non MPC |
| XV748                                        | [E] | Harrier GR.1   | [1 Sqn] |         |
| G-AXUT                                       | -   | BN2A Islander  | Private |         |
| G-AXFG                                       | -   | C337 Skymaster | Private |         |

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 1970** [MB]

|            |   |               |        |                              |
|------------|---|---------------|--------|------------------------------|
| 29 Sqn MPC |   |               |        |                              |
| XP705      | L | Lightning F.3 | 29 Sqn | MPC to Wattisham F/L M Smith |

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 1970** [@MAR]

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| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR954:30 4 FTS to Lossiemouth, returned 17.4 |  |  |  |  |

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 1970** [CJ]

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| XS778 | - | Basset CC.1 | [207 Sqn] |  |
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**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 1970** [MB]

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| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XS104:44 4 FTS [F/L Jones] to Bitteswell for limited overhaul.<br>Gnat T.1 XS106:36 4 FTS [F/L Hodgson] to Bitteswell for limited overhaul. |  |  |  |  |

Hunter T.7 XL591:82 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 7.1.70

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 1970 [CJ]**

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| [XP143] | [5]30:O | Wessex HAS.3 | [819] NAS |  |
| [XM327] | [5]31:O | Wessex HAS.3 | [819] NAS |  |
| [XP105] | [5]32:O | Wessex HAS.3 | [819] NAS |  |
| [XP138] | [5]33:E | Wessex HAS.3 | [819] NAS |  |

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 1970 [AIR 29/3799][AIR 29/3670][AIR 27/3150][CJ]**

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| 226 OCU arrived from Coltishall for their MPC along with 17 IWI Course [19-22.4]<br>10 missiles fired by 226 OCU but 17 IWI Cse failed to fire their 2 missiles due to weather. |     |                |         |                      |
| XS423                                                                                                                                                                           | 423 | Lightning T.5  | 226 OCU | MPC                  |
| XS459                                                                                                                                                                           | 459 | Lightning T.5  | 226 OCU | MPC                  |
| XM189                                                                                                                                                                           | 189 | Lightning F.1A | 226 OCU | MPC                  |
| XM988                                                                                                                                                                           | 988 | Lightning T.4  | 226 OCU | MPC                  |
| XM214                                                                                                                                                                           | 214 | Lightning F.1A | 226 OCU | MPC                  |
| XM216                                                                                                                                                                           | 216 | Lightning F.1A | 226 OCU | MPC                  |
| XM996                                                                                                                                                                           | 996 | Lightning T.4  | 226 OCU | MPC                  |
| XM997                                                                                                                                                                           | 997 | Lightning T.4  | 226 OCU | MPC                  |
| XP441                                                                                                                                                                           | 441 | Argosy C.1     | 114 Sqn | 'RRR4498' F/L Ashton |
| Routed: Benson-Coltishall-Valley-Benson, 226 OCU MPC support.<br>[also quoted as XP411, XP441 is from the Sqn ORB]                                                              |     |                |         |                      |

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 1970 [AIR 29/3799][AIR 2/18625][CJ]**

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| Visit by students from RN College, Dartmouth. Handled by Station Flight so by air?                                      |      |                 |            |                    |
| [XT479]                                                                                                                 | X:CU | Wessex HU.5     | 707 NAS    |                    |
| [XT458]                                                                                                                 | Y:CU | Wessex HU.5     | 707 NAS    |                    |
| [XT481]                                                                                                                 | Z:CU | Wessex HU.5     | 707 NAS    |                    |
| 707 NAS Mountain Flying detachment until 25.4                                                                           |      |                 |            |                    |
| N119K                                                                                                                   | -    | Gulfstream II   | Kaiser Ind | From & to London   |
| Kaiser Industries were visiting the Anglesey Aluminium plant at Holyhead.<br>[arrival confirmed by Chris Jefferies Log] |      |                 |            |                    |
| G-AWFL                                                                                                                  | -    | Alouette II     | Private    | Used for filming   |
| DT-905                                                                                                                  | -    | T-33A           | [Esk]      | R Danish AF        |
| XP811                                                                                                                   |      | Beaver AL.1     | /AAC       |                    |
| XJ488                                                                                                                   | -    | Sea Vixen FAW.1 | A&AEE      | [all black scheme] |
| WJ892                                                                                                                   | 892  | Varsity T.1     | [CAW]      | From Manby         |

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 1970 [AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3043][AIR 27/3077]**

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| XM648                                                      | -   | Vulcan B.2   | 44 Sqn | F/L J Widdall |
| Exercise 'Candella' Main Bomber Force dispersal until 23.4 |     |              |        |               |
| XV214                                                      | 214 | Hercules C.1 | 24 Sqn | F/O Price     |



Routed: Lyneham-Waddington-Valley-Waddington-Valley-Brize Norton.  
Exercise 'Candella' support from Waddington.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1970** [AIR 29/3799]

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|                                                                                                               |   | Lightning [F.2A] | 92 Sqn |  |
|                                                                                                               |   | -                |        |  |
|                                                                                                               | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn |  |
| Climber picked up after a fall in Llanberis Pass. Transferred to Bangor Hospital but died during the transit. |   |                  |        |  |

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1970** [BJ][AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3043][MB]

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| G-ATJR                                                                                                                                                                                        | -   | PA-23 Aztec 250C | Private | Lulsgate Air Services |
| From and to Speke.                                                                                                                                                                            |     |                  |         |                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               |     | ?                |         |                       |
| Commander Maritime Air Forces, AM Sir R Craven visited 22 Sqn, by air ?                                                                                                                       |     |                  |         |                       |
| XV212                                                                                                                                                                                         | 212 | Hercules C.1     | 24 Sqn  | F/L Harradine         |
| Routed: Lyneham-Valley-Waddington-Lyneham, return of Exercise 'Candella' support.                                                                                                             |     |                  |         |                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               |     | -                |         |                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | -   | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn  |                       |
| SAR demonstration near South Stack with 22 Sqn, Valley MRT, Holyhead Lifeboat, 1113 MCU and Coastguard. Watched by Deputy Chief Inspector of Coastguards and the RNLI Communications Officer. |     |                  |         |                       |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR984:52 [F/L Armstrong] returned from Bitteswell, see 24.11.69                                                                                                      |     |                  |         |                       |

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 1970** [AIR 27/3135]

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| XL640                            | 640 | Britannia C.1 | 99 Sqn | 'RRR6517' F/L T E Dennis |
| Routed: Akrotiri-Valley-Lyneham. |     |               |        |                          |

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 1970** [AIR 27/3040]

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| XJ429                                                                                                                                                                                                  | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/O Haqui |
| Fallen climber at OS 107/632569. Member of Plas-y-Brenin team [Dereck Mays] picked up and winched down to the casualty, casualty then stretchered and flown to Bangor Hospital [Mr Neil Watson, Upton] |   |                  |        |           |

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 1970** [CJ]

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| XM968 | [968] | Lightning T.4 | 226 OCU |  |
| XM969 | [969] | Lightning T.4 | 226 OCU |  |
| XM970 | [970] | Lightning T.4 | 226 OCU |  |
| WB763 | [14]  | Chipmunk T.10 | [2 FTS] |  |

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 1970** [AIR 27/3040]

|       |   |                  |        |                |
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| XJ429 | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | To St Mawgan   |
| XP347 | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | From St Mawgan |

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| 22 Sqn aircraft changeover. |
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**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 1970** [AIR 27/3040][CJ]

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| XM994                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 994 | Lightning T.4    | 226 OCU |                     |
| XP349                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | -   | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn  | 'PEDRO22' F/O Haqui |
| Youths trapped on a cliff face [OS 106/386950] On arrival 2 youths seen trapped 70ft from the top of a 170ft cliff. Winchman performed 2 double lifts and the youths handed over to Police at the bottom of the cliff. [Roderick John Goode 20, Cannock & Douglas Clive Booker 21, Walsall] |     |                  |         |                     |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR982:51 4 FTS noted at Lossiemouth.                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |     |                  |         |                     |

**May 1970** [AIR 29/3799]

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| Station Flight dealt with 296 movements including 9 VIP.                                                                                                                                                                    |  |  |  |  |
| F/L P West started flying the Gnat at Valley from May-Oct 1970 along with a refresher course Jan-Feb 1972. He flew the following Gnats whilst based at Valley. His logbook is held at the National Archives under AIR 4/231 |  |  |  |  |
| 1970                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |  |  |  |
| XP500 XP502 XP503 XP506 XP508 XP511 XP514 XP516 XP531 XP533 XP534 XP537 XP539<br>XP540 XP542 XR535 XR537 XR538 XR544 XR568 XR569 XR572 XR954 XR955 XR980 XR982<br>XR983 XR984 XR998 XS103 XS107                             |  |  |  |  |
| 1972                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |  |  |  |
| XM705 XP511 XP515 XP535 XP541 XR541 XR574 XR951 XS104                                                                                                                                                                       |  |  |  |  |

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 1970** [AIR 27/3082]

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|----------------------------------------------|-----|--------------|--------|----------------------|
| XV218                                        | 218 | Hercules C.1 | 47 Sqn | 'RRR3960' F/O Foster |
| Routed: Fairford-Valley-Coltishall-Fairford. |     |              |        |                      |

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 1970** [AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3036][AIR 27/3195][AIR 27/3150][CJ]

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| 19 Sqn arrived from Gutersloh for their MPC.                       |     |                |         |                        |
| 19 Sqn MPC 5-18.5, 6 Firestreak missiles fired.                    |     |                |         |                        |
| [XN776]                                                            | [C] | Lightning F.2A | 19 Sqn  | MPC [S/L P G Naz]      |
| [XN777]                                                            | [K] | Lightning F.2A | 19 Sqn  | MPC [F/L P Reynolds]   |
| [XN781]                                                            | [B] | Lightning F.2A | 19 Sqn  | MPC [F/L C W D Watson] |
| [XN786]                                                            | [M] | Lightning F.2A | 19 Sqn  | MPC [F/O M Gleave]     |
| [XN789]                                                            | [J] | Lightning F.2A | 19 Sqn  | MPC [F/O L A Grouse]   |
| XN726                                                              | D   | Lightning F.2A | 19 Sqn  | MPC [F/O M H Wood]     |
| XN856                                                              | 856 | Argosy C.1     | 267 Sqn | 'RRR4202' F/L Bowman   |
| Routed: Benson-Gutersloh-Valley-Benson, 19 Sqn MPC support         |     |                |         |                        |
| XP443                                                              | 443 | Argosy C.1     | 114 Sqn | 'RRR4201' F/O Brammer  |
| Routed: Benson-Gutersloh-Benson-Valley-Benson, 19 Sqn MPC support. |     |                |         |                        |
| VP975                                                              | [-] | Devon C.2      | RAE     |                        |

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 1970** [AIR 27/3195]

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| XP443                                                       | 443 | Argosy C.1 | 267 Sqn | 'RRR4203' F/L Brading |
| Routed: Benson-Gutersloh-Valley-Benson, 19 Sqn MPC support. |     |            |         |                       |

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 1970** [AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3040][MB]

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| A/Cdre F S Hazelwood visited CFS[H] detachment, by air?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |     |                   |       |  |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |     |                   |       |  |
| XR977                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 46  | Gnat T.1          | 4 FTS |  |
| CAT.4R damage due to hard landing causing damage to the undercarriage. Aircraft repaired and returned to 4 FTS 10.2.72. 22 Sqn ORB quotes this as 6.5 with Whirlwind HAR.10 XP349 [F/O Dainty] scrambling as a precaution, not required though. <b>XR977 went to HSA Bitteswell 30.6 for repairs, returning to 4 FTS 10.2.72</b> |     |                   |       |  |
| Instr                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | F/L | J D Kendrick      | Ok    |  |
| Student                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | P/O | M Fielding [RAAF] | Ok    |  |

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 1970** [AIR 27/3021][AIR 27/3036][AIR 27/3040][MB]

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| 19 Sqn MPC<br>1x missile fired [XN776:C][S/L Naz]<br>1x missile fired [XN786:M][F/O Grose]                                                                               |  |                 |        |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                          |  | Canberra B[I].8 | 14 Sqn |  |
| From and to Wildenrath.                                                                                                                                                  |  |                 |        |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                          |  | ?               |        |  |
| Commander Southern Maritime Air Region, AVM J C T Downey carried out his annual inspection of 22 Sqn, arrive by air ?                                                    |  |                 |        |  |
| Based noted:<br><b>Gnat T.1 XP506:06 [F/L Hodgson] returned to 4 FTS after repairs, see 31.10.69</b><br><b>Whirlwind HAR.10 22 Sqn</b><br><b>XJ409 XJ429 XP347 XP349</b> |  |                 |        |  |

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 1970** [CJ]

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| XR666  | 47  | JP T.4     | 1 FTS     |             |
| XR660  | 17  | JP T.4     | 1 FTS     |             |
| K-685  | [-] | C-47A      | [Esk 721] | R Danish AF |
| DT-905 |     | T-33A      | [Esk]     | R Danish AF |
| DT-566 |     | T-33A      | [Esk]     | R Danish AF |
|        |     | T-33A      | [Esk]     | R Danish AF |
|        | -   | Victor B.2 |           |             |
| G-ARFF | -   | Queen Air  | Private   |             |

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May 1970** [CJ][MB]

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| 30+74   | -       | G-91R-3      |           | WGAF |
| 32+51   | -       | G-91R-3      |           | WGAF |
| [XP143] | [5]30:O | Wessex HAS.3 | [819] NAS |      |
| [XM327] | [5]31:O | Wessex HAS.3 | [819] NAS |      |

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| [XP105]                                                                               | [5]32:O | Wessex HAS.3 | [819] NAS |  |
| [XP138]                                                                               | [5]33:E | Wessex HAS.3 | [819] NAS |  |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR537:37 [F/L Hodgson] returned from Bitteswell, see 1.12.69 |         |              |           |  |

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 1970** [BAR 70/06][AIR 27/3040][CJ][MB]

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| G-ASJR                                                                                                                                                                               | -   | Cessna 182F      | Private  |            |
| XV648                                                                                                                                                                                | 586 | Sea King HAS.1   | 700S NAS |            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                      | -   | Vulcan B.        |          |            |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                    |     |                  |          |            |
| XP347                                                                                                                                                                                | -   | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn   | F/L Warton |
| Report of aircraft crash at OS 107/673625, crash position located but the wreckage was from a previous crash 9 months before. Pieces of wreckage flown to Valley for identification. |     |                  |          |            |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP508:21 4 FTS visited Lyneham.                                                                                                                             |     |                  |          |            |

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 1970** [AIR 27/3021][AIR 27/3216][AIR 27/3036][CJ][MB]

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| 19 Sqn MPC<br>1x missile fired [XN777:K][F/O Wood]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |     |                 |            |                      |
| XS919                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | C   | Lightning F.6   | 11 Sqn     |                      |
| XS931                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | G   | Lightning F.6   | 11 Sqn     |                      |
| XR723                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | L   | Lightning F.6   | 11 Sqn     |                      |
| XR724                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | M   | Lightning F.6   | 11 Sqn     |                      |
| WT337                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | A   | Canberra B[I].8 | 14 Sqn     | From & to Wildenrath |
| XR366                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 366 | Belfast C.1     | 53 Sqn     | 'RRR6707'            |
| From Gander [F/L Garrity] then departed to Holme-on-Spalding-Moor [F/L Walker]<br>Mike Bursell mentions that the Belfast was returning from NASA's Ames Flight Research Centre at Moffet Field, California to Holme-on-Spalding-Moor with the Hunting 126 research aircraft XN714. It had been airlifted to the US on 3.4.69 and used for wind tunnel testing. The aircraft was eventually put on display at Cosford. |     |                 |            |                      |
| XR371                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 371 | Belfast C.1     | 53 Sqn     |                      |
| XV107                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 107 | VC-10 C.1       | 10 Sqn     |                      |
| G-APVK                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | -   | PA-23 Aztec     | Private    |                      |
| G-AVRX                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | -   | PA-23 Aztec     | Private    |                      |
| XL637                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 637 | Britannia C.1   | 99/511 Sqn |                      |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR955:43 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 11.11.69                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |     |                 |            |                      |

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1970** [BJ][AIR 27/3036][CJ][AIR 4/216][MB]

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| 19 Sqn MPC<br>1x missile fired [XN789:J][F/L Watson]<br>1x missile fired [XN781:B][F/O Gleave]<br>1x missile fired [XN777:K][F/O Spiller] |   |               |      |            |
| G-ARYM                                                                                                                                    | - | DH.104 Dove 8 | BICC | From Speke |

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| XV746                                                                            | C  | Harrier GR.1 | 1 Sqn   |             |
| XV776                                                                            | P  | Harrier GR.1 | 1 Sqn   |             |
| WF371                                                                            | S  | Varsity T.1  | 5 FTS   | F/L Lowe    |
| Routed: Oakington-Valley-Skrydstrup, Denmark – support for the Danish exchange ? |    |              |         |             |
| WF419                                                                            | U  | Varsity T.1  | [5 FTS] |             |
| WJ[949]                                                                          | 19 | Varsity T.1  | [CFS]   |             |
| DT-905                                                                           | -  | T-33A        | [Esk]   | R Danish AF |
| DT-566                                                                           | -  | T-33A        | [Esk]   | R Danish AF |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR951:26 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing     |    |              |         |             |

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 1970** [BAR 70/06][AIR 4/216]

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| WF371                                                                                                                      | S | Varsity T.1 | 5 FTS | F/L Lowe |
| Routed: Skrydstrup-Valley-Oakington, see 15.5                                                                              |   |             |       |          |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP533:33 4 FTS Bentwaters Airshow, static.<br>Gnat T.1 XS100:57 4 FTS Bentwaters Airshow, flying. |   |             |       |          |

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 1970** [AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3090]

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| XH619                                                                                                                         | - | Victor K.1A      | 55 Sqn | F/L K Wilson-Clark   |
| From and to Marham.                                                                                                           |   |                  |        |                      |
| -                                                                                                                             |   |                  |        |                      |
| XP347                                                                                                                         | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'PEDRO22' F/L Warton |
| Fallen climber on Conwy Mountain, on arrival casualty was with the local Fire Brigade.<br>Casualty winched up on a stretcher. |   |                  |        |                      |

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 1970** [@MAR 03/17][AIR 27/3040]

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| XJ426                                                                                                                              | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/L Moyes |
| Youth with laboured breathing on Drum [OS 107/708696] casualty airlifted to Bangor Hospital [Stephen Stockdale 15, Llantwit-Major] |   |                  |        |           |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR983:53 4 FTS air test carried out at Bitteswell.                                                        |   |                  |        |           |

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 1970** [AIR 27/3036][AIR 27/3195][CJ][MB]

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| 19 Sqn departed back to Gutersloh post MPC, also quoted as 18.5       |     |                |         |                     |
| [XN789]                                                               | [J] | Lightning F.2A | 19 Sqn  | To Gutersloh        |
| [XN781]                                                               | [B] | Lightning F.2A | 19 Sqn  | To Gutersloh        |
| [XN777]                                                               | [K] | Lightning F.2A | 19 Sqn  | To Gutersloh        |
| [XN776]                                                               | [C] | Lightning F.2A | 19 Sqn  | To Gutersloh        |
| [XN786]                                                               | [M] | Lightning F.2A | 19 Sqn  | To Gutersloh        |
|                                                                       |     | Lightning F.2A | 19 Sqn  | To Gutersloh        |
| XR109                                                                 | 109 | Argosy C.1     | 267 Sqn | 'RRR4205' W/C Price |
| Routed: Benson-Valley-Gutersloh-Benson, returning 19 Sqn MPC support. |     |                |         |                     |
| G-AWMS                                                                | -   | HS-125-3B      | RTZ     |                     |

|                                                                                |   |             |         |  |
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| G-AXAX                                                                         | - | PA-23 Aztec | Private |  |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR541:34 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 31.10.69 |   |             |         |  |

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 1970** [BJ][AIR 27/3150][CJ]

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| XR109                                                                 | 109 | Argosy C.1      | 114 Sqn       | 'RRR4206' F/L Stonehewer |
| Routed: Benson-Valley-Gutersloh-Benson, return of 19 Sqn MPC support. |     |                 |               |                          |
| EI-ARN                                                                | -   | Wren 460        | Private       | Helicopter Maintenance   |
| From and to Speke.                                                    |     |                 |               |                          |
| 0-63434                                                               |     | F-100D          | 55 TFS/20 TFW | [56-3434]                |
| WT309                                                                 |     | Canberra B[I].6 | RAE           |                          |
| K-683                                                                 | [-] | C-47B           | Esk 721       | R Danish AF              |
| G-AXRL                                                                | -   | PA-28 Cherokee  | Private       |                          |

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 1970** [AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3056]

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| XS769                                                                                                                                               | - | Basset CC.1      | 32 Sqn | 'RRR5231' F/L Easterbrook |
| Routed: Northolt-Valley-Bitteswell-Northolt.                                                                                                        |   |                  |        |                           |
| -                                                                                                                                                   |   |                  |        |                           |
| XJ426                                                                                                                                               | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/L Nice                  |
| Capsized boat off Penmaenmawr with 4 occupants. 1 had swum ashore to raise the alarm but 3 were still in the water. Area searched but nothing seen. |   |                  |        |                           |

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1970** [AIR 27/3081][MB]

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| XS644                                                                                                                                |  | Andover C.1 | 46 Sqn | 'RRR872' F/L Goodman |
| Routed: Abingdon-Odiham-Ballykelly-Aldergrove-Valley-Abingdon.                                                                       |  |             |        |                      |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP516:16 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing.<br>Gnat T.1 XR951:26 returned from Kemble, see 15.5.70 |  |             |        |                      |

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1970** [MC 6/70]

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| G-AVPL | - | MS.892 Rallye | Private | From Biggin Hill |
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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 1970** [AIR 27/3040]

|                                                                                                        |   |                  |        |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------------------|--------|------------|
| XJ426                                                                                                  | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/O Dainty |
| Capsized boat at OS 115/225384, on arrival informed occupants had been rescued                         |   |                  |        |            |
| XJ426                                                                                                  | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/O Dainty |
| Sub-aqua diver missing at OS 107/254772, diver waded ashore safely just before the helicopter arrived. |   |                  |        |            |

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 1970** [AIR 27/3081]

|                                                        |  |             |        |                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--|-------------|--------|-----------------------|
| XS609                                                  |  | Andover C.1 | 46 Sqn | 'RRR1012' F/L Goodman |
| Routed: Abingdon-Valley-Abingdon-North Weald-Abingdon. |  |             |        |                       |

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 1970** [AIR 27/3150]

|                                         |     |            |         |                      |
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| XR135                                   | 135 | Argosy C.1 | 114 Sqn | 'RRR4207' F/L Ashton |
| Routed: Benson-Valley-Gutersloh-Benson. |     |            |         |                      |

#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 1970 [CJ]

|       |    |        |       |  |
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| XP662 | 48 | JP T.4 | 1 FTS |  |
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#### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 1970 [AIR 27/3040][MB]

|                                                                                                                                                                    |   |                  |        |  |
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|                                                                                                                                                                    | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn |  |
| Exercise with Beaumaris Lifeboat.                                                                                                                                  |   |                  |        |  |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP530:64 4 FTS [F/L Hodgson] to Bitteswell for limited overhaul.<br>Gnat T.1 XR983:53 [F/L Hodgson] returned from Bitteswell, see 1.12.69 |   |                  |        |  |

#### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 1970 [AIR 27/3040]

|                                                                                                                        |   |                  |        |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------------------|--------|------------|
| XP347                                                                                                                  | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/O Dainty |
| Injured climber in the Llanberis Pass [OS 107/632570] Casualty moved by MRT and then airlifted to Bangor Hospital.     |   |                  |        |            |
| XJ426                                                                                                                  | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/L Moyes  |
| Climber with a broken leg on Cnicht [OS 116/639459] Doctor and Winchman lowered, and patient flown to Bangor Hospital. |   |                  |        |            |

#### June 1970 [AIR 29/3799]

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| Station Flight dealt with 188 movements including 11 VIP. |  |  |  |  |
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#### June 1970 [AIR 29/3799]

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|                                       |  |  |  | HMS Endurance Detachment |
| Possibly Whirlwind HAR.9 XL898:448:ED |  |  |  |                          |

#### June 1970 [AIR 29/3799]

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|  |  | ?x ? | /AAC | Mountain Flying Detachment |
|--|--|------|------|----------------------------|

#### June 1970 [Dennis Pritchard]

|       |     |               |         |         |
|-------|-----|---------------|---------|---------|
| XS449 | 449 | Lightning T.5 | 226 OCU | [MPC ?] |
| XS452 | 452 | Lightning T.5 | 226 OCU | [MPC ?] |

#### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1970 [MB]

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| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP500:50 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing.<br>Gnat T.1 XP516:16 returned to 4 FTS from 5 MU, see 22.5.70 |  |  |  |  |

#### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 1970 [AIR 29/3799]

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|                                                              |  | ? |  |  |
| AVM H A C Bird-Wilson carried out Annual Inspection, by air? |  |   |  |  |

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1970** [AIR 27/3040]

|                                                                                                           |   |                  |        |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------------------|--------|-----------|
| XP347                                                                                                     | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/O Haqui |
| Canoe observed drifting off Aberffraw, canoe eventually located, and Police confirmed no one was missing. |   |                  |        |           |

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 1970** [AIR 27/3040][CJ][MB]

|                                                                                                                                                        |     |                  |          |                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------|----------|----------------------|
| XV210                                                                                                                                                  | 210 | Hercules C.1     | [36 Sqn] |                      |
| G-AXDV                                                                                                                                                 | -   | Beagle Pup       | Private  |                      |
| G-AXTS                                                                                                                                                 | -   |                  | Private  |                      |
| G-AOGU                                                                                                                                                 | -   | DH.114 Heron 2   | Private  |                      |
| G-ASJR                                                                                                                                                 | -   | Cessna 182F      | Private  |                      |
| -                                                                                                                                                      |     |                  |          |                      |
| XP347                                                                                                                                                  | -   | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn   | 'PEDRO22' F/O Dainty |
| Army climber collapsed at OS 107/656618. Casualty had been moved to Ogwen Cottage by the time the helicopter arrived and was pronounced fit by the MO. |     |                  |          |                      |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP500:50 4 FTS returned from 5 MU Kemble, see 2.6<br>Gnat T.1 XP533:33 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for repaint.                      |     |                  |          |                      |

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 1970** [AIR 27/3040]

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| XP347                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'PEDRO22' F/L Warton |
| RAE Llanbedr reported a climber suffering from exhaustion and possible heart issues at OS 116/645222. Doctor picked up at Llanbedr and flown to casualty who was airlifted to Dolgellau Hospital. Returned to Valley via Llanbedr to drop off the Doctor. |   |                  |        |                      |

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 1970** [CJ][MB]

|                                                                                                                                                         |     |            |         |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------------|---------|--|
| XS530                                                                                                                                                   | 581 | Wasp HAS.1 | 706 NAS |  |
| Mountain Flying Detachment.                                                                                                                             |     |            |         |  |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR980:48 4 FTS assessed as CAT.4R<br>[XR980 went to Bitteswell for repairs 29.7.70 and post repairs was issued to CFS 24.2.71] |     |            |         |  |

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 1970** [MC 7/70]

|        |   |             |         |                  |
|--------|---|-------------|---------|------------------|
| G-AWFY | - | Alouette II | Private | To East Midlands |
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**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 1970** [AIR 27/3040]

|                                                                                                                           |   |                  |        |                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------------------|--------|----------------------|
| XJ426                                                                                                                     | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'PEDRO22' F/O Dainty |
| Search off Rhosneigr for a boat reported in trouble, all boats sighted, and no distress signals seen, returned to Valley. |   |                  |        |                      |

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 1970** [AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3146]

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 111 Sqn arrived from Wattisham for their MPC.<br>111 Sqn MPC 14-26.6, 5 Firestreak missiles fired. |  |  |  |  |
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|-------|---|------------------|---------|-----------|
| XP750 | H | Lightning F.3    | 111 Sqn | MPC       |
| XP741 | K | Lightning F.3    | 111 Sqn | MPC       |
| XR713 | B | Lightning F.3    | 111 Sqn | MPC       |
| XP762 | C | Lightning F.3    | 111 Sqn | MPC       |
| XP738 | E | Lightning F.3    | 111 Sqn | MPC       |
| XP740 | J | Lightning F.3    | 111 Sqn | MPC       |
| -     |   |                  |         |           |
| XJ426 | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn  | F/O Haqui |

Capsized yacht at OS 115/420520, 1 survivor picked up with 2 possibly missing, informed that all survivors were safe.

Based noted:

Hunter F.6 XF527:70 & XG185:74 4 FTS visited Leeming.



[Steve Bond Collection]

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 1970 [CJ]

|       |      |               |        |  |
|-------|------|---------------|--------|--|
| XR519 | [B]M | Wessex HC.2   | 18 Sqn |  |
| XM144 |      | Lightning F.1 | TFF    |  |
| XV315 | W    | Sioux HT.2    | CFS    |  |

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 1970 [AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3056][CJ][MB]

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| XS765                                                                                                                                                              | -    | Basset CC.1      | 32 Sqn  | 'RRR5248' F/L Knott |
| From and to Northolt.                                                                                                                                              |      |                  |         |                     |
| XS541                                                                                                                                                              | 79   | Wasp HAS.1       | 706 NAS |                     |
| XN472                                                                                                                                                              | 78   | JP T.3           | CFS     |                     |
| XR662                                                                                                                                                              | 9[8] | JP T.4           | RAFFC   | [or XS178:99]       |
|                                                                                                                                                                    |      | ?                |         |                     |
| AVM H A C Bird-Wilson carried out annual inspection of Mona, by air? 22 Sqn also carried out a SAR demonstration at 1113 MCU, Holyhead as part of the AOC's visit. |      |                  |         |                     |
| -                                                                                                                                                                  |      |                  |         |                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                    | -    | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn  |                     |
| Exercise with Moelfre Lifeboat.                                                                                                                                    |      |                  |         |                     |
| XJ426                                                                                                                                                              | -    | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn  | F/L Moyes           |
| Gnat emergency, landed safely.                                                                                                                                     |      |                  |         |                     |
| Based noted:                                                                                                                                                       |      |                  |         |                     |

Gnat T.1 XP503:03 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing [repaint]  
 Gnat T.1 XP533:33 4 FTS returned from 5 MU, see 9.6.70

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 1970 [CJ]**

|       |   |               |         |  |
|-------|---|---------------|---------|--|
| XP706 | F | Lightning F.3 | 111 Sqn |  |
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**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 1970 [CJ]**

|       |     |               |         |                    |
|-------|-----|---------------|---------|--------------------|
| XV328 | Z   | Lightning T.5 | 29 Sqn  |                    |
| XS422 | T   | Lightning T.5 | 111 Sqn |                    |
| XP748 | [S] | Lightning F.3 | BAC     | [111 Sqn possibly] |

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 1970 [AIR 27/3040]**

|                                                                                                                                                      |   |                  |        |                     |
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| XJ426                                                                                                                                                | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'PEDRO22' F/L Moyes |
| CASEVAC badly burned patient [Peter Winstone 24, Ponshail, near Rhos-on-Wye] from Towyn to Chepstow Hospital. Refuelled at Cardiff/Rhoose on return. |   |                  |        |                     |

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 1970 [AIR 27/3040]**

|                                                                                                                                                               |   |                  |        |          |
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|                                                                                                                                                               | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn |          |
| Exercise with Hoylake Lifeboat.                                                                                                                               |   |                  |        |          |
| XP347                                                                                                                                                         | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/L Nice |
| Survivor clinging on to a capsized boat, located and airlifted to a Hotel at OS 106/531812. [Mr Kinsley, Red Wharf Bay]                                       |   |                  |        |          |
| XP347                                                                                                                                                         | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/L Nice |
| Airlifted 1 survivor from Moelfre Lifeboat to Bangor Hospital. He had been picked up from a capsized boat. [Mr McConville 57, Hewitts Caravan Park, Anglesey] |   |                  |        |          |

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 1970 [AIR 27/3040]**

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| XP347                                                                                                                                                                                               | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/O Haqui |
| Report of 2 people in the sea off Pensarn, on arrival the Winchman was lowered to speak to the Police who confirmed the report was genuine. However, despite an extensive search nothing was found. |   |                  |        |           |

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1970 [MC 8/70][CJ]**

|                                                        |       |                 |                |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| G-AWMS                                                 | -     | HS.125-3B       | RTZ            | From Staverton  |
| XP586                                                  | 85    | JP T.4          | RAFC           |                 |
| XP556                                                  | [72]  | JP T.4          | RAFC           | [or XP557]      |
| XL898                                                  | 49:ED | Whirlwind HAR.9 | HMS Endurance  |                 |
| XN309                                                  | 590   | Whirlwind HAR.9 | [Culdrose SAR] | 'Rescue' titles |
| The 2 Whirlwinds were on a Mountain Flying Detachment. |       |                 |                |                 |

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1970 [AIR 29/3799][AIR 29/4163][CJ][MB]**

|                                                                                                                 |   |              |            |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------|------------|-----------|
| XS790                                                                                                           | - | Andover CC.2 | Queens Flt | 'RRR1145' |
| HRH Princess Alexandra staged through en-route to Llandudno.<br>Routed: Benson-Heathrow-Valley-Heathrow-Benson. |   |              |            |           |

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| XV733                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | -  | Wessex HCC.4     | Queens Flt | 'RRR1146'                  |
| Routed: Benson-Valley-Llandudno-Valley-Benson.                                                                                                                                                                                        |    |                  |            |                            |
| [WJ716]                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |    | Canberra [TT.18] | [7 Sqn]    | [most probably WJ715]      |
| XP557                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 72 | JP T.4           | RAFFC      |                            |
| XP555                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 70 | JP T.4           | RAFFC      |                            |
| XM350                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 29 | JP T.3           | [RAFC]     | [or :44 ?] [:29 was XN505] |
| <p>Based noted:</p> <p>Gnat T.1 XP503:03 4 FTS returned from 5 MU, see 16.6</p> <p>Gnat T.1 XR998:47 4 FTS [F/L Hodgson] to Bitteswell for limited overhaul.</p> <p>Gnat T.1 XS109:63 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing.</p> |    |                  |            |                            |

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 1970 [AIR 27/3040]**

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|                              | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn |  |
| Exercise with Rhyl Lifeboat. |   |                  |        |  |

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 1970 [AIR 27/3040][MB]**

|                                                                                                                                                                                |   |                  |        |  |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn |  |
| Exercise with Beaumaris Lifeboat.                                                                                                                                              |   |                  |        |  |
| <p>Based noted:</p> <p>Gnat T.1 XP511:11 [F/L Kendrick] returned to 4 FTS from Bitteswell, see 13.1.70</p> <p>Gnat T.1 XR571:23 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 2.2.70</p> |   |                  |        |  |

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 1970 [Keith Bryers][AIR 29/3799][CJ][MB]**

|                                                                                                      |  |             |         |              |
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| ATC Summer Camps began.                                                                              |  |             |         |              |
| 111 Sqn departed back to Wattisham post their MPC.                                                   |  |             |         |              |
|                                                                                                      |  | Lightning   | 111 Sqn | To Wattisham |
|                                                                                                      |  | Lightning   | 111 Sqn | To Wattisham |
|                                                                                                      |  | Lightning   | 111 Sqn | To Wattisham |
|                                                                                                      |  | Lightning   | 111 Sqn | To Wattisham |
|                                                                                                      |  | Lightning   | 111 Sqn | To Wattisham |
|                                                                                                      |  | Lightning   | 111 Sqn | To Wattisham |
| XS612                                                                                                |  | Andover C.1 | 46 Sqn  | From Kinloss |
| <p>Based noted:</p> <p>Gnat T.1 XP534:15 4 FTS [F/L Smith] to Bitteswell for a limited overhaul.</p> |  |             |         |              |

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 1970 [BAR 70/08]**

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| <p>Based noted:</p> <p>Hunter F.6 XG274:71 4 FTS Exeter Air Show, flying.</p> |  |  |  |  |

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 1970 [AIR 27/3040]**

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|------------------|--------|---------------------|
| XJ426                                                                                                                                                                 | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'PEDRO22' F/O Haqui |
| Climber who had fallen on Tryfan at OS 107/665596. Landed at Ogwen Cottage and picked up 2 members of the MRT who were winched down with a stretcher to the casualty. |   |                  |        |                     |

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|-------------------------------------------------|
| Casualty was then airlifted to Bangor Hospital. |
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**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 1970** [AIR 27/3040][CJ]

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| 21642                                                                                                                                                               | 642 | T-33AN           | 1 CAD  | R Canadian AF       |
| -                                                                                                                                                                   |     |                  |        |                     |
| XJ426                                                                                                                                                               | -   | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'PEDRO22' F/O Haqui |
| Canoeist in trouble off Silver Bay, located on rocks .5nm from shore, double lift carried out and she was landed on the beach where she joined the other canoeists. |     |                  |        |                     |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 :46 scrap.                                                                                                                                 |     |                  |        |                     |

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 1970** [CJ][MB]

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| XS775                                                                                                                                | - | Basset CC.1 | 207 Sqn |  |
| XA879                                                                                                                                |   | Devon C.1   | RAE     |  |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP506:06 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing.<br>Gnat T.1 XS109:63 returned from Kemble, see 23.6.70 |   |             |         |  |

**July 1970** [AIR 29/3799]

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| Station Flight dealt with 232 movements including 5 VIP. |
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**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1970** [Keith Bryers][AIR 29/3799]

|                                                        |   |             |            |                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---|-------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| [WF408]                                                | - | Varsity T.1 | 6 Supp Sqn | Circuit bashing, from Cosford? |
| From 6 Support Sqn ?                                   |   |             |            |                                |
|                                                        |   | ?           |            |                                |
| A/Cdre E W Wooten carried out Annual Inspection of MPC |   |             |            |                                |

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1970** [BAR 70/08]

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| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR982:51 4 FTS Colerne Air Display, flying. |  |  |  |  |

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 1970** [CJ][MB]

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| XS931                                                                                                                                            | G | Lightning F.6 | 11 Sqn   |  |
| XS416                                                                                                                                            | T | Lightning T.5 | [11 Sqn] |  |
| [XS933]                                                                                                                                          | J | Lightning F.6 | [11 Sqn] |  |
| [XS932]                                                                                                                                          | H | Lightning F.6 | [11 Sqn] |  |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP506:06 4 FTS delivered back from Kemble, see 30.6.70<br>Gnat T.1 XR537:37 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing. |   |               |          |  |

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 1970** [AIR 27/3040][CJ]

|       |    |                 |          |  |
|-------|----|-----------------|----------|--|
| XM262 |    | Canberra B[I].8 | [16 Sqn] |  |
| XS541 | 79 | Wasp HAS.1      | 706 NAS  |  |

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| -                                                                                                                                        |   |                  |        |                     |
| XJ426                                                                                                                                    | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'PEDRO22' F/O Haqui |
| Search for 3 canoes overdue between Aberdaron and Bardsey Island. Canoes and occupants located at OS 115/173264; no assistance required. |   |                  |        |                     |

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July 1970 [AIR 27/3040][CJ]**

|                                 |   |                  |              |  |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------|--------------|--|
| G-APTS                          | - | Chipmunk 22A     | Private      |  |
| G-APVK                          | - | PA-23 Aztec      | Private      |  |
| G-ASHW                          | - | DH.104 Dove 8    | Scottish Avn |  |
| -                               |   |                  |              |  |
|                                 | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn       |  |
| Exercise with Moelfre Lifeboat. |   |                  |              |  |

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 1970 [AIR 27/3040][CJ]**

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| WF408                                                                                                                                                     | [-] | Varsity T.1      | 6 Supp Sqn |            |
| XG160                                                                                                                                                     | 30  | Hunter F.6A      | 229 OCU    |            |
| F-BCLG                                                                                                                                                    | -   | SV4 Stampe       | Private    |            |
| G-ATSE                                                                                                                                                    | -   | Twin Commanche   | Private    |            |
| G-AXMN                                                                                                                                                    | -   | Auster Autocrat  | Private    |            |
| G-AXCZ                                                                                                                                                    | -   | SV-4C Stampe     | Private    |            |
| G-AXPW                                                                                                                                                    | -   | SV-4C Stampe     | Private    |            |
| G-AWSU                                                                                                                                                    | -   | F8L Falco        | Private    |            |
| G-AOZP                                                                                                                                                    | -   | Chipmunk 22      | Private    |            |
| G-AYCE                                                                                                                                                    | -   | Emeraude         | Private    |            |
| G-AVPK                                                                                                                                                    | -   | PA-23 Aztec      | Private    |            |
| -                                                                                                                                                         |     |                  |            |            |
| XP347                                                                                                                                                     | -   | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn     | F/O Dainty |
| Report of a capsized yacht with 2 occupants in the Menai Straits opposite the Mermaid Hotel. 2 people winched ashore at the Hotel, cold and wet but safe. |     |                  |            |            |

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 1970 [AIR 27/3040]**

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| XJ426                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/L Warton |
| Whilst returning from a Mountain training sortie a red distress flare was sighted coming from a yacht at position OS 106/422610. 1 occupant airlifted and explained the engine had seized and the that it had no rudder. Porthdinllaen Lifeboat was launched and took the yacht under tow. |   |                  |        |            |
| XJ426                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/L Warton |
| Search for a man missing from a capsized boat at position OS 115/318422. Area searched and the boat was found at OS 115/303412 but no sign of the man, search continued until darkness, but nothing found.                                                                                 |   |                  |        |            |

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 1970 [AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3018][AIR 27/3040][CJ]**

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| 11 Sqn arrived from Leuchars for their MPC.<br>11 Sqn MPC 5-29.7, 5 Firestreak & 2 Red Top missiles fired. |  |  |  |  |
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| On 28.7 the 300 <sup>th</sup> Firestreak missile was fired at MPC.<br>Valley ORB says 5.7 for the start but the 11 Sqn ORB says 12.7, it is also mentioned in the Sqn ORB was the fact that HMS Ark Royal's 892 NAS Phantoms were also using the range, did they visit Valley?          |     |                  |        |            |
| XR724                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | M   | Lightning F.6    | 11 Sqn | MPC        |
| XR757                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | D   | Lightning F.6    | 11 Sqn | MPC        |
| XS931                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | G   | Lightning F.6    | 11 Sqn | MPC        |
| XS933                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | J   | Lightning F.6    | 11 Sqn | MPC        |
| XS919                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | C   | Lightning F.6    | 11 Sqn | MPC        |
| XR763                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | [B] | Lightning F.6    | 11 Sqn | MPC        |
| XS416                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | T   | Lightning T.5    | 11 Sqn | MPC        |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |                  |        |            |
| XJ426                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | -   | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/L Warton |
| Diverted from a training flight to investigate red flares being fired near the mouth of the River Conway. Yacht located aground on a sandbank at OS 107/752801 with no engine. Conway Lifeboat put a crewman aboard who started the engine and remained onboard for the next high tide. |     |                  |        |            |
| XJ426                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | -   | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/L Moyes  |
| Capsized canoe in Benllech Bay, on arrival the occupant was being picked up by a small fishing boat which then transferred her to the Lifeboat. No further assistance required.                                                                                                         |     |                  |        |            |

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 1970 [CJ]

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| [XT482] | Q:CU | Wessex HU.5 | 707 NAS |  |
| XT475   | N:CU | Wessex HU.5 | 707 NAS |  |
| [XT474] | P:CU | Wessex HU.5 | 707 NAS |  |

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 1970 [AIR 27/3040][CJ][MB]

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| [XS119]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | [4][34] | Wessex [HAS.3]   | [737 NAS] |                     |
| XS929                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | E       | Lightning F.6    | 11 Sqn    | MPC                 |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |         |                  |           |                     |
| XJ426                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | -       | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn    | 'PEDRO22' F/O Haqui |
| Fallen climber at OS 107/610563, survivor sighted in an inaccessible bowl. SMO and Winchman were deplaned .5nm away, aircraft was unable to uplift the MRT and due to weather and impending darkness returned to Valley. The SMO and Winchman returned to Valley by MT having walked to Nant Peris.                                           |         |                  |           |                     |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Based noted:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gnat T.1 XR535:05 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gnat T.1 XR537:37 4 FTS returned from Kemble, see 7.7.70</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gnat T.1 XR984:52 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing.</p> |         |                  |           |                     |

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 1970 [AIR 27/3056]

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| XS769                 | - | Basset CC.1 | 32 Sqn | 'RRR5297' F/O Elliott |
| From and to Northolt. |   |             |        |                       |

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 1970** [AIR 27/3018][AIR 27/3056][CJ]

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| 11 Sqn MPC<br>1x Red Top fired [XS929:E][F/L Adcock]<br>1x Firestreak fired [XR724:M][F/L Debney]<br>1x Firestreak fired [XS931:G][Capt Pochoy] |   |             |          |                     |
| XS774                                                                                                                                           | - | Basset CC.1 | 32 Sqn   | 'RRR5297' S/L Knott |
| From and to Northolt.                                                                                                                           |   |             |          |                     |
| G-ATCA                                                                                                                                          | - | Wessex 60   | Bristows |                     |

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 1970** [BJ][AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3040][CJ][MB]

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| G-AWXV                                                                                                                                                                                                          | -    | Cessna F172H     | Private | To Speke, Westair Flying Services  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |      | ?x [Sea King]    | 706 NAS | Detachment until 24.7, see June 70 |
| [XT478]                                                                                                                                                                                                         | V:CU | Wessex HU.5      | 707 NAS |                                    |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                               |      |                  |         |                                    |
| XJ426                                                                                                                                                                                                           | -    | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn  | 'PEDRO22' F/O Dainty               |
| Missing sub-aqua diver in the Trearddur Bay area, diver located at OS 107/235765 and Winchman lowered to the dinghy. Diver confirmed ok and was waiting for the slack tide so he could free the trapped anchor. |      |                  |         |                                    |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP532:32 4 FTS [F/O Binnie] to Bitteswell for a limited overhaul.                                                                                                                      |      |                  |         |                                    |

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1970** [BAR 70/08]

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| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP516:16 4 FTS Lossiemouth Air Display, static. |  |  |  |  |

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 1970** [AIR 27/3040]

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| XJ426                                                                                                                                                                 | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'PEDRO22' F/L Moyes |
| Capsized boat with 4 occupants in the water off Penmaenmawr, on arrival the boat was in the process of being beached. Landed nearby and all occupants confirmed safe. |   |                  |        |                     |

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 1970** [AIR 27/3018][AIR 27/3040][CJ][MB]

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| 11 Sqn MPC<br>1x Red Top fired [XS933:J][F/L Frost]<br>1x Firestreak fired [XS416:T][S/L Taylor]<br>1x Firestreak fired [XR724:M][F/O Clarke]<br>1x Firestreak fired [XR757:D][W/C Jones] |     |                  |         |            |
| XS934                                                                                                                                                                                     | K   | Lightning F.6    | 11 Sqn  | MPC        |
| XS775                                                                                                                                                                                     |     | Basset CC.1      | 207 Sqn |            |
| XP448                                                                                                                                                                                     | 448 | Argosy C.1       | 115 Sqn |            |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                         |     |                  |         |            |
| XJ426                                                                                                                                                                                     | -   | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn  | F/O Dainty |
| Small sailing dinghy capsized at OS 106/303732. 1 survivor airlifted to Valley SSQ, then returned and shadowed the other survivor until taken under tow by the Lifeboat.                  |     |                  |         |            |

Based noted:

Gnat T.1 XR535:05 4 FTS returned from Kemble, see 14.7.70  
Gnat T.1 XR983:53 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing.  
Gnat T.1 XR984:52 returned from Kemble, see 14.7.70

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 1970 [BJ][MB]**

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| G-AWMP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | - | Cessna F172H | Private | To Speke, Westair. |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP508:21 4 FTS visited Kemble, taxi for XS100:57<br>Gnat T.1 XP502:02 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing.<br>Gnat T.1 XR535:05 4 FTS visited Kemble, taxi for XP502:02<br>Gnat T.1 XS100:57 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing. |   |              |         |                    |

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1970 [AIR 27/3040]**

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| XJ426                                                                                                                                                                         | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/L Warton |
| Capsized dinghy at OS 106/255754 with 2 occupants. On arrival both were in the water so airlifted and put ashore at a Caravan Site, dinghy later taken under tow by Lifeboat. |   |                  |        |            |
| XJ426                                                                                                                                                                         | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/L Warton |
| Report of a large yacht capsized, turned out to be a small boat which was keeled over to make it look as if it had capsized.                                                  |   |                  |        |            |

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1970 [CJ]**

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| XS904 | A | Lightning F.6   | 11 Sqn  | MPC |
| XJ476 |   | Sea Vixen FAW.1 | A&AEE   |     |
| XS775 |   | Basset CC.1     | 207 Sqn |     |

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 1970 [AIR 27/3040][CJ]**

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| TG502                                                                                                                                     | [-] | Hastings C.1A    | A&AEE  |            |
| WJ909                                                                                                                                     | A   | Varsity T.1      | [AES]  |            |
| WJ945                                                                                                                                     | 21  | Varsity T.1      | CFS    |            |
| XP663                                                                                                                                     | 59  | JP T.4           | 3 FTS  |            |
| -                                                                                                                                         |     |                  |        |            |
| XJ426                                                                                                                                     | -   | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/O Dainty |
| 2 canoeists reported missing between Penmon and Gt Orme's Head, nothing seen. Informed later that both canoeists had landed at Llandudno. |     |                  |        |            |

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 1970 [BAR 70/09][AIR 27/3040]**

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|                                                                                                                                   | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn |  |
| Exercise with Conwy Lifeboat.                                                                                                     |   |                  |        |  |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR569:08 4 FTS Plymouth Air Day, flying.<br>Gnat T.1 XP516:16 XR984:52 4 FTS Leconfield Airshow, static. |   |                  |        |  |

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 1970 [AIR 27/3040][CJ]**



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|                                                                             | 060:R | Gannet |  | COD [Carrier Onboard Delivery] |
| Not a known Gannet code though.                                             |       |        |  |                                |
| Based noted:<br>Whirlwind HAR.10 22 Sqn exercise with Penmaenmawr Lifeboat. |       |        |  |                                |

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 1970** [Lewis Grant][CJ][MB]

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| 11 Sqn MPC<br>*Departed with Canberra WK124.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |       |                 |            |                   |
| XR724                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | M     | Lightning F.6*  | 11 Sqn     | MPC               |
| XS416                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | T     | Lightning T.5*  | 11 Sqn     | MPC               |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |       | Lightning *     |            | MPC               |
| XV565                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 001:R | Phantom FG.1    | 892 NAS    |                   |
| XV574                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | B     | Phantom FG.1    | 43 Sqn     |                   |
| WK124                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | [24]  | Canberra TT.18  | 7 Sqn      |                   |
| WJ674                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | [E]   | Canberra B.2    | [231 OCU]  | PD [or coded 'Y'] |
| XM708                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | [99]  | Gnat T.1        | Red Arrows |                   |
| XP504                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | K     | Gnat T.1        | CFS        |                   |
| XM705                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | B     | Gnat T.1        | CFS        |                   |
| XS734                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | B     | Dominie T.1     | 1 ANS      | NAVEX             |
| XS713                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | C     | Dominie T.1     | 1 ANS      | NAVEX             |
| XS727                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | D     | Dominie T.1     | 1 ANS      | NAVEX             |
| XS728                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | E     | Dominie T.1     | 1 ANS      | NAVEX             |
| XS737                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | K     | Dominie T.1     | 1 ANS      | NAVEX             |
| G-AOVZ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | -     | Jodel D140      | Private    |                   |
| G-ATJR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | -     | PA-23 Aztec 250 | Private    | Dep late pm       |
| G-ASUU                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | -     | DH.114 Heron 2  | Private    | Dep after G-ATJR  |
| 31+27                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | -     | G.91R-3*        | LeKG-42    | WGAF              |
| 32+90                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | -     | G.91R-3*        | LeKG-42    | WGAF              |
| *Arrived late pm, pairs approach with 31+27 landing.<br>32+90 overshoot and landed off a 2 <sup>nd</sup> approach. Both based at Pferdsfeld.                                                                                                                                                                                                          |       |                 |            |                   |
| XV656                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 052:R | Sea King HAS.1  | 824 NAS    | HMS Ark Royal     |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP502:02 4 FTS from 5 MU, see 21.7.70<br>Gnat T.1 XP537:07 4 FTS to 5 MU for surface finishing.<br>[XP537 return to Valley is unknown but see 4.8<br>Gnat T.1 XR982:51 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing.<br>Gnat T.1 XR983:53 returned from Kemble, see 20.7.70<br>Gnat T.1 XS100:57 back from Kemble, see 21.7.70 |       |                 |            |                   |

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 1970** [Lewis Grant][MB]

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| XR757 | D | Lightning F.6 | 11 Sqn   | MPC |
| XS931 | G | Lightning F.6 | 11 Sqn   | MPC |
| XS934 | K | Lightning F.6 | 11 Sqn   | MPC |
| XS773 | - | Basset CC.1   | [26 Sqn] |     |

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| XS776  | - | Basset CC.1     | [207 Sqn] |  |
| G-AXAX | - | PA-23 Aztec 250 | Private   |  |
| G-AWMP | - | Cessna F172H    | Private   |  |
| WG481  |   | Chipmunk T.10   | [12 AEF]  |  |

Based noted:

Gnat T.1 XP536:27 4 FTS [F/L Hargreaves] returned from repairs at Bitteswell, see 25.6.69

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 1970** [AIR 27/3040][CJ]

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| G-AXVA  | -   | Cessna 401B  | Private   |                    |
| G-AVNA  | -   | Queen Air    | Private   |                    |
| [WJ910] | [S] | Varsity T.1  | [6 FTS]   | [or WF371:S 5 FTS] |
| 31+02   | -   | G.91R-3      | LeKG-41   | WGAF               |
| 31+60   | -   | G.91R-3      | LeKG-41   | WGAF               |
| XV302   | 302 | Hercules C.1 | 30/47 Sqn |                    |
| 21652   | 652 | T-33AN       | 1 CAD     | R Canadian AF      |

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| XP347 | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'ZULU50/PEDRO22' F/O Dainty |
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Whilst airborne on a training flight diverted to search for 4 persons in the sea off Llandudno Pier. On arrival informed 3 still missing and 1 had been picked up by the Lifeboat. 1 swimmer located alive and flown to Llandudno Hospital. On return after 30mins a body was located, and the Lifeboat picked it up. Search continued until short of fuel.

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Station Flight dealt with 284 movements including 9 VIP.



Dated 8.70 Gnat T.1 XP506:06 4 FTS flies along the A5 Pass at Ogwen.

[Dick Thomas Collection]

**Late July/early August 1970 [Lewis Grant]**

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| Based noted:                                                                     |
| Gnat T.1 4 FTS                                                                   |
| XR538:01 XP502:02 XP503:03 XR535:05 XP537:07 XR568:08 XP516:16 XR567:17 XR572:19 |
| XR954:30 XP533:33 XR541:34 XR544:35 XP539:39 XP540:40 XP542:42 XR955:43 XP531:45 |
| XP500:50 XR982:51 XR984:52 XR983:53 XS100:57 XS103:59                            |
| Hunter F.6 4 FTS camouflaged.                                                    |
| XF527:70 XG274:71 XF384:72 XF509:73 XG185:74 [white spine & fin]                 |
| Hunter T.7 4 FTS grey/dayglo                                                     |
| XL609:80 XL622:81 XL600:83 XL567:84 XL573:97                                     |
| Whirlwind HAR.10 C Flight/22 Sqn                                                 |
| XJ426 XP347                                                                      |
| Whirlwind HAR.10 CFS Detachment                                                  |
| XP331:T XP360:V XN127:W                                                          |

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August 1970 [BJ]**

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| 13 Gnats + 5 Hunters carried out a Flypast at the Liverpool Airshow. |
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**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1970 [MB]**

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| Based noted:                                                  |
| Gnat T.1 XP511:11 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing. |
| Gnat T.1 XR982:51 returned from Kemble, see 28.7.70           |

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 1970 [Lewis Grant][AIR 27/3040][MB]**

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| WK162                                                                                                     | [-] | Canberra B.2*    | 98 Sqn  | PD                   |
| *Inscribed 'Signals Group No.90' flew several calibration flights.                                        |     |                  |         |                      |
| 31+08                                                                                                     | -   | G.91R-3**        | WS-50   | WGAF [Waffen Schule] |
| 31+95                                                                                                     | -   | G.91R-3**        | WS-50   | WGAF                 |
| **Both had blue fin tips, departed as a pair. <b>WS – Waffen Schule/Weapons School.</b>                   |     |                  |         |                      |
| XM223                                                                                                     | [-] | Devon C.2        | RAE     | Blue/white scheme    |
| XS768                                                                                                     | -   | Basset CC.1      | [NCS]   |                      |
| G-ATJR                                                                                                    | -   | PA-23 Aztec 250  | Private | Departed late pm     |
| G-AWIT                                                                                                    | -   | PA-28 Cherokee   | Private | Arrived late pm      |
| XW296                                                                                                     | 57  | JP T.5           | 1 FTS   |                      |
| -                                                                                                         |     |                  |         |                      |
| XJ426                                                                                                     | -   | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn  | F/L Nice             |
| 2 climbers trapped at base of Tryfan, on arrival found the 2 boys had already been saved by an Army Unit. |     |                  |         |                      |
| Based noted:                                                                                              |     |                  |         |                      |
| Gnat T.1 XR954:30 4 FTS visited 5 MU Kemble, taxi for pilot of XR537:37                                   |     |                  |         |                      |
| [in the Kemble VAS log it does appear to be XR as opposed to XP537:07]                                    |     |                  |         |                      |
| [XP537 flew into Kemble 28.7 was this the departing flight back to Valley ?]                              |     |                  |         |                      |

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 1970 [AIR 27/3040]**

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|                                   | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn |  |
| Exercise with Criccieth Lifeboat. |   |                  |        |  |

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 1970 [Lewis Grant][AIR 27/3040]**

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| WA669                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 27 | Meteor T.7       | CFS      |                       |
| Arrived in the morning and departed in the afternoon.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |    |                  |          |                       |
| XR700                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 49 | JP T.4           | 3 FTS    |                       |
| XP627                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 60 | JP T.4           | 3 FTS    |                       |
| XP564                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 61 | JP T.4           | 3 FTS    |                       |
| XM709                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | C  | Gnat T.1         | CFS      |                       |
| XS101                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | H  | Gnat T.1         | CFS      |                       |
| XP504                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | K  | Gnat T.1         | CFS      |                       |
| XS110                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | L  | Gnat T.1         | CFS      |                       |
| XN551                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 13 | JP T.3           | 3 FTS    |                       |
| XS767                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | -  | Basset CC.1      | [26 Sqn] |                       |
| G-ATJR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | -  | PA-23 Aztec 250  | Private  | Departed late pm      |
| G-ASUU                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | -  | DH.114 Heron 2   | Private  | Departed after G-ATJR |
| G-ATRC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | -  | Beech D95        | Private  |                       |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |    |                  |          |                       |
| XJ426                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | -  | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn   | 'PEDRO22' F/O Dainty  |
| Injured climber on Snowdon, due to low cloud the MRT were flown as close as possible to the casualty. After 2.5hrs the MRT descended back to the helicopter with the body which was flown to Bangor Hospital. The climber had apparently suffered a heart attack whilst attempting to reach the Miners track. |    |                  |          |                       |

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 1970 [AIR 27/3040]**

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|                                             | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn |  |
| Exercise with Moelfre Lifeboat at Benllech. |   |                  |        |  |

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 1970 [BJ][AIR 27/3040]**

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| G-ARGG                                                                                                                       | - | Chipmunk 22      | Private | To Speke, Air Nav Trading |
| -                                                                                                                            |   |                  |         |                           |
| XP347                                                                                                                        | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn  | 'PEDRO22'                 |
| Search for missing boat in Tremadog Bay, enroute informed the Criccieth Lifeboat had the boat under tow, returned to Valley. |   |                  |         |                           |

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 1970 [MB]**

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| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP511:11 4 FTS returned from Kemble, see 3.8.70 |  |  |  |  |

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 1970 [AIR 29/3799][AIR 29/4163][AIR 4/229][MB]**

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| XV732 | - | Wessex HCC.4 | Queens Flt | 'RRR1127' |
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| Routed: from & to Machrihanish.                                                                |  |                |        |              |
|                                                                                                |  | ?              |        |              |
| AOC 23 Group, AVM H A C Bird-Wilson visited, by air?                                           |  |                |        |              |
| XM269                                                                                          |  | Canberra B[I]8 | 16 Sqn | F/L C Rounce |
| Routed: Laarbruch-Valley-West Freugh-Laarbruch.                                                |  |                |        |              |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP513:13 repairs complete, returned to 4 FTS on 25.8.70 – see 7.11.69 |  |                |        |              |

### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 1970 [MB]

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| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP535:54 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R.<br>[repaired on site by Contractors Working Party [CWP] from 18.8]<br>Gnat T.1 XS102:58 [F/L Armstrong] from Bitteswell, see 5.2.70 |  |  |  |  |

### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August 1970 [AIR 27/3040]

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| XJ426                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'PEDRO22' F/O Haqui |
| 3 people in a rowing boat in distress 500yds off Penmaenmawr [OS 107/715770] boat located and one survivor [Timothy Holmes 8yrs] winched to the shore. Beaumaris Lifeboat then took the boat and the other 2 occupants in tow to the beach. |   |                  |        |                     |

### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 1970 [AIR 27/3040]

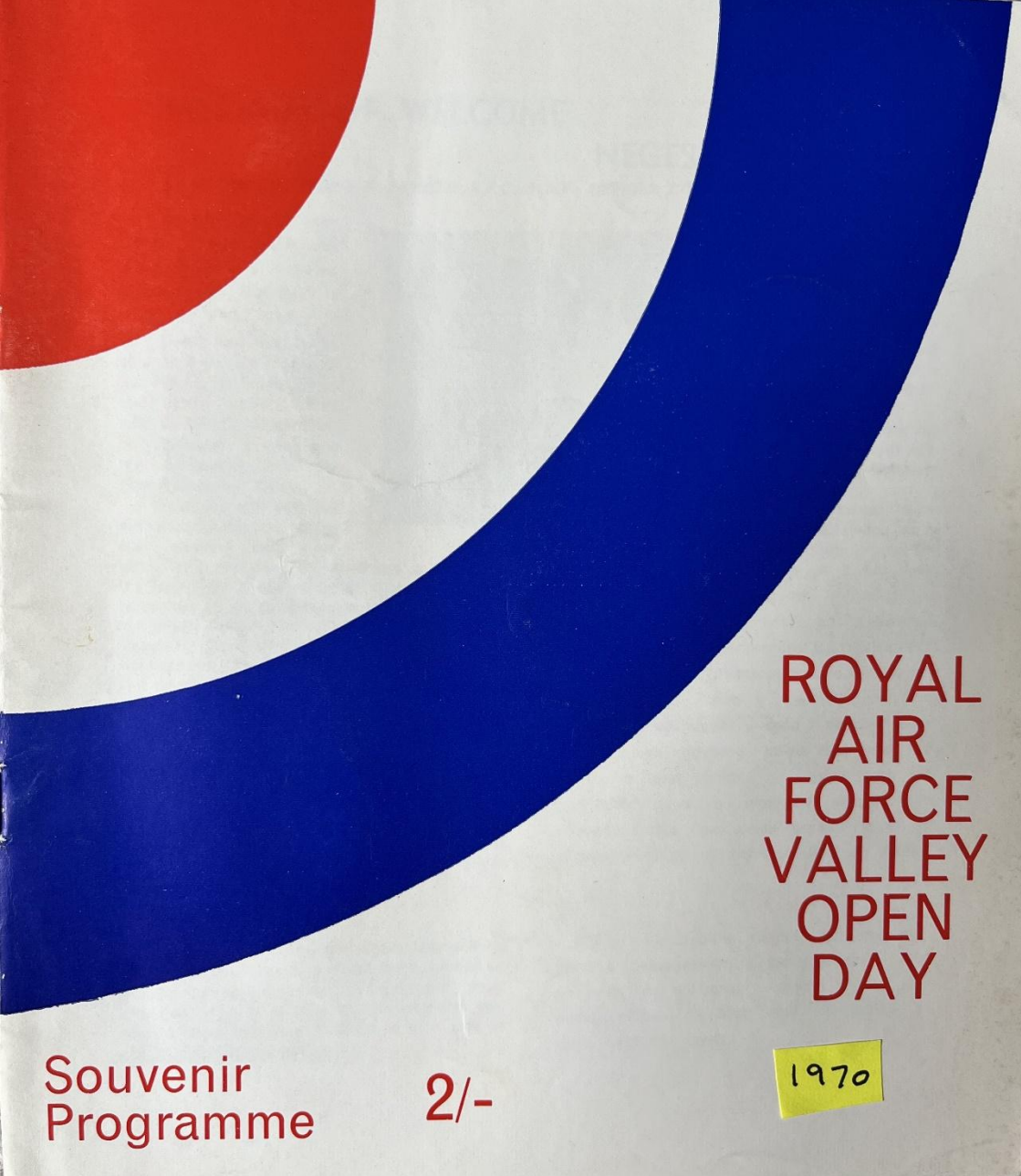
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| XP347                                                                                             | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/O Dainty |
| Report of 3 children injured near Lake Ogwen, informed the children were safe bur 30mins overdue. |   |                  |        |            |

### August 1970 [Dennis Pritchard photo]

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| E-419 | - | Hunter F.51 | 727 Esk | Approach on 14 Danish AF |
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### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 1970 [MSAE S G Jones/B P Jones/R Kittle/S R A Rigby][CJ]

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| RAF Valley 'At Home' Display.<br>15:00-17:40 flying display.<br>20,000 attended. |  |  |  |  |
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| [Steve Kelly]                                                                                                                                                          |   |               |              |          |
| Static: *Hangar display                                                                                                                                                |   |               |              |          |
| 43 Sqn arrived from Leuchars for their MPC.<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Phantom MPC [AIR 27/3075]<br>43 Sqn MPC 15-26.8.70<br>They flew a 4-ship formation for the Air Display. |   |               |              |          |
| WE146                                                                                                                                                                  | - | Canberra PR.3 | RAE Llanbedr | Llanbedr |





[Tudor Rowlands]

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| XP516 | 16 | Gnat T.1* | 4 FTS | Valley |
| XR983 | 53 | Gnat T.1* | 4 FTS | Valley |
| XS102 | 58 | Gnat T.1  | 4 FTS | Valley |



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|-------|----|-------------|-------|--------|
| XF527 | 70 | Hunter F.6* | 4 FTS | Valley |
| XG274 | 71 | Hunter F.6  | 4 FTS | Valley |
| XL609 | 80 | Hunter T.7  | 4 FTS | Valley |



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| A92-999 | -  | Jindivik* | RAE Llanbedr | Composite example   |
| XS217   | 50 | JP T.4    | CFS          | Red Pelicans scheme |

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| PA474 | KM-B | Lancaster B.I | BBMF    | Also flew |
| XP706 | F    | Lightning F.3 | 111 Sqn | Wattisham |



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| WA662 | K | Meteor T.7  | RAE Llanbedr |  |
| WH420 | S | Meteor U.16 | RAE Llanbedr |  |



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| XV575 | C | Phantom FG.1 | 43 Sqn | Leuchars, also flew MPC |
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| XT874 | J | Phantom FG.1 | 43 Sqn | Leuchars, also flew MPC |
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| P7350                                                                                                                                   | ZH-T | Spitfire IIA | BBMF | Also flew    |
|  <p>With Lancaster PA474 behind. [Tudor Rowlands]</p> |      |              |      |              |
| XK624                                                                                                                                   | 32   | Vampire T.11 | CFS  |              |
|  <p>[Tudor Rowlands]</p>                             |      |              |      |              |
| XR522                                                                                                                                   | BW   | Wessex HC.2  | HOCF | Based Odiham |



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| XP331 | T | Whirlwind HAR.10* | CFS         |                    |
| XP360 | V | Whirlwind HAR.10  | CFS         |                    |
| XT639 | - | Scout AH.1        | 653 Sqn/AAC |                    |
| XW189 | - | Sioux AH.1        | 653 Sqn/AAC | 'AAC561', dep 16.8 |
| 31+02 | - | G.91R-3           | LeKG-41     | WGAF               |



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| 31+60 | -   | G.91R-3 | LeKG-41 | WGAF                                      |
| 21642 | 642 | T-33A   | 1 CAD   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Canadian Air Division CAF |



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| G-AWIY                                                                                                                        | -   | PA-23 Aztec 250  | NEA    | Pleasure flights          |
| G-AXDL                                                                                                                        | -   | PA-30 Comanche   | NEA    | Pleasure flights          |
| Northern Executive Aviation.                                                                                                  |     |                  |        |                           |
| XL640                                                                                                                         | 640 | Britannia C.1    | 99 Sqn | 'RRR6495' F/L D T Parfitt |
| ROC Air Experience Flights, from and to Brize [AIR 27/3135].                                                                  |     |                  |        |                           |
| -                                                                                                                             |     |                  |        |                           |
|                                                                                                                               | -   | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/L Dainty                |
| Flew to Penrhyndeudraeth and collected Mr I Griffiths, a slate mason who has presented 2 magnificent slate plaques to 22 Sqn. |     |                  |        |                           |

| Visitors: |   |                 |         |  |
|-----------|---|-----------------|---------|--|
| G-ARIV    | - | Cessna 172B     | Private |  |
| G-ATAF    | - | Cessna 172F     | Private |  |
| G-ATID    | - | Cessna 337      | Private |  |
| G-ATJR    | - | PA-23 Aztec 250 | Private |  |
| G-ATOR    | - | PA-28 Cherokee  | Private |  |
| G-AWIT    | - | PA-28 Cherokee  | Private |  |
| G-AXOT    | - | MS.893A Rallye  | Private |  |

| Flying:                                                                                 |     |              |        |                           |
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| Started with a Flypast of 14 Gnats & 5 Hunters from resident 4 FTS. [ORB says 16 total] |     |              |        |                           |
| XS734                                                                                   | I   | Dominie T.1  | 6 FTS  | Solo display, Stradishall |
| XS712                                                                                   | A   | Dominie T.1  | 6 FTS  | Spare                     |
| XV220                                                                                   | 220 | Hercules C.1 | 36 Sqn |                           |





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| XV299                                                                   | 299 | Hercules C.1     | 36 Sqn       | Falcons Support            |
| XE653                                                                   | 28  | Hunter F.6       | 229 OCU      | Solo display               |
| XG158                                                                   | 35  | Hunter F.6       | 229 OCU      | Spare                      |
| XR700                                                                   | 49  | JP T.4           | 3 FTS        | Solo display               |
| XR672                                                                   | 48  | JP T.4           | 3 FTS        | Spare                      |
| XR674                                                                   | 54  | JP T.4           | 3 FTS        | Gemini Pair                |
| XR659                                                                   | 67  | JP T.4           | 3 FTS        | Gemini Pair                |
| <b>XM145</b>                                                            |     | Lightning F.1A   | TFF          | Leuchars                   |
| XV571                                                                   | A   | Phantom FG.1*    | 43 Sqn       | MPC                        |
| XV574                                                                   | B   | Phantom FG.1*    | 43 Sqn       | MPC                        |
| XV576                                                                   | D   | Phantom FG.1*    | 43 Sqn       | MPC                        |
| XV583                                                                   | G   | Phantom FG.1*    | 43 Sqn       | MPC                        |
| XT874                                                                   | J   | Phantom FG.1*    | 43 Sqn       | MPC                        |
| *43 Sqn MPC 5-ship display.<br>One of them had a burst tyre on landing. |     |                  |              |                            |
| WL625                                                                   | A   | Varsity T.1      | 6 FTS        | Based Finningley           |
| XV101                                                                   | 101 | VC-10 C.1        | 10 Sqn       | Flypasts plus a touch & go |
| XM656                                                                   | -   | Vulcan B.2       | 101 Sqn      | Waddington, 101 Sqn Crew   |
| XP347                                                                   | -   | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn       |                            |
| XJ426                                                                   | -   | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn       |                            |
| G-AYCG                                                                  | -   | Stampe SV-4C*    | Rothmans     | From Staverton             |
| G-AYCK                                                                  | -   | StampeSV-4C*     | Rothmans     | From Staverton             |
| G-AXYW                                                                  | -   | Stampe SV-4C*    | Rothmans     | From Staverton             |
| G-AWIW                                                                  | -   | Stampe SV-4B*    | Rothmans     | From Staverton             |
| *Rothmans led by ex. S/L 'Manx' Kelly                                   |     |                  |              |                            |
| WA658                                                                   | -   | Meteor T.7       | Fire Section | Fire Dump ex. GWDS         |

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| Based noted:                                                   |  |  |  |  |
| Hunter F.6 4 FTS                                               |  |  |  |  |
| XF384:72 XF509:73 XG185:74 [white tail]                        |  |  |  |  |
| Hunter T.7 4 FTS                                               |  |  |  |  |
| XL622:81 XL567:84 XL573:97* [*229 OCU code]                    |  |  |  |  |
| Gnat T.1 4 FTS                                                 |  |  |  |  |
| XR538:01 XP503:03 XR535:05 XP537:07 XR569:08 XP511:11          |  |  |  |  |
| XR567:17 XR572:19 XP508:21 XR954:30 XP533:33 XR952:34          |  |  |  |  |
| XR544:35 XP540:40 XP542:42 XP500:50 XR982:51 XS102:58 XS103:59 |  |  |  |  |

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 1970** [AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3040]

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| XJ426                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/L Warton |
| 2 people in a demasted yacht at OS 116/540360, on arrival informed that the yacht had been recovered and the occupants safe. Then diverted to Abersoch for 2 people in a dinghy but by the time the aircraft had arrived they had waded ashore. |   |                  |        |            |
| XJ426                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/O Haqui  |
| 3 people in distress in a small rowing boat off Trearddur Bay, on arrival the boat and occupants were safely ashore.                                                                                                                            |   |                  |        |            |

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 1970** [AIR 27/3040][CJ]

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| The Airshow participants departed.                               |       |                  |              |                      |
| XT875                                                            | K     | Phantom FG.1     | 43 Sqn       | MPC                  |
| XA880                                                            | -     | Devon C.2        | RAE Llanbedr |                      |
| Dropped off crews for the Canberra & Meteors.                    |       |                  |              |                      |
| XV212                                                            | 212   | Hercules C.1     | 36 Sqn       |                      |
| XV662                                                            | 140:E | Sea King HAS.1   | 826 NAS      |                      |
| XV663                                                            | 141:E | Sea King HAS.1   | 826 NAS      |                      |
| XV664                                                            | 142:E | Sea King HAS.1   | 826 NAS      |                      |
| XV666                                                            | 143:E | Sea King HAS.1   | 826 NAS      |                      |
| -                                                                |       |                  |              |                      |
|                                                                  | -     | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn       |                      |
| Exercise with Moelfre Lifeboat.                                  |       |                  |              |                      |
| XJ426                                                            | -     | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn       | 'PEDRO22' F/O Dainty |
| Hunter emergency with a total hydraulics failure, landed safely. |       |                  |              |                      |

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 1970** [AIR 27/3075]

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| 4 Phantoms from 43 Sqn returned to Leuchars due to a visit from Lord Carrington there. |  |              |        |                        |
|                                                                                        |  | Phantom FG.1 | 43 Sqn | To Leuchars W/C Martin |
|                                                                                        |  | Phantom FG.1 | 43 Sqn | To Leuchars            |
|                                                                                        |  | Phantom FG.1 | 43 Sqn | To Leuchars            |
|                                                                                        |  | Phantom FG.1 | 43 Sqn | To Leuchars            |

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 1970** [AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3077][AIR 27/3140][CJ][MB]

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| XM265 |  | Canberra B[I].8 | [16 Sqn] |  |
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| XM267                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | [E] | Canberra B[I].8  | 3 Sqn     |                    |
| XM271                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | [F] | Canberra B[I].8  | 3 Sqn     |                    |
| XV182                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 182 | Hercules C.1     | [242 OCU] |                    |
| XH538                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | -   | Vulcan B.2*      | 44 Sqn    | S/L C R Lamont     |
| XM609                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | -   | Vulcan B.2*      | 101 Sqn   | F/L Paley at 14:15 |
| *From Waddington as part of Exercise Candella.                                                                                                                                                                                 |     |                  |           |                    |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |     |                  |           |                    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | -   | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn    |                    |
| From St Mawgan, returned 24.8, Supervisory visit                                                                                                                                                                               |     |                  |           |                    |
| XJ426                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | -   | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn    | 'PEDRO22' F/L Nice |
| Elderly man collapsed in the mountains at OS 107/618548, on arrival Doctor lowered but pronounced the man dead. Body [Stanley Victor Waugh 73yrs old from 2 The Esplanade, Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset] flown to Bangor Hospital. |     |                  |           |                    |
| XP347                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | -   | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn    | F/L Nice           |
| Motor vessel firing distress flares, recalled whilst enroute as the flares were for a separate capsized dinghy to which the Beaumaris Lifeboat had already been launched.                                                      |     |                  |           |                    |

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 1970 [AIR 27/2942][AIR 27/3140]**

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| XM656                                                          | - | Vulcan B.2 | 101 Sqn | F/L Hutchinson          |
| XM648                                                          | - | Vulcan B.2 | 50 Sqn  | F/L Perrett             |
| Both from Waddington as part of Exercise 'Candella' dispersal' |   |            |         |                         |
| XH538                                                          | - | Vulcan B.2 | 44 Sqn  | To Waddington, see 19.8 |

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 1970 [BJ][AIR 27/2942][AIR 27/3140][CJ]**

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| G-AVZT                                         | -   | PA-31 Navajo  | Plessey  | From & to Speke               |
| XM648                                          | -   | Vulcan B.2    | 50 Sqn   | To Waddington, see 20.8       |
| XM656                                          | -   | Vulcan B.2    | 101 Sqn  | To Waddington 10:30, see 20.8 |
| XV429                                          | 429 | Phantom FGR.2 | [54 Sqn] |                               |
| XV209                                          | 209 | Hercules C.1  | [48 Sqn] |                               |
| Based noted:<br>Whirlwind HAR.10 XJ426 22 Sqn. |     |               |          |                               |

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1970 [BAR 70/09]**

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| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XS100:57 4 FTS Chivenor Air Display, static. |  |  |  |  |

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 1970 [BJ][CJ]**

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| G-AWPV | - | Cessna F172H | Private | From Speke |
|        | - | Auster       | Private | [G-AGPV ?] |
| G-ARKL | - | PA-22 Colt   | Private |            |

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 1970 [CJ][MB]**

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| XT174 | [W] | Sioux AH.1 | [666 Sqn]/AAC |  |
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| XR630                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | [F] | Scout AH.1      | [666 Sqn]/AAC |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |     | Puma HC.1       |               |  |
| G-AJRN                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | -   | Auster Autocrat | Private       |  |
| <p>Based noted:</p> <p>Gnat T.1 XP541:41 [F/L Stevens] returned from Bitteswell, see 23.2.70</p> <p>Gnat T.1 XS109:63 4 FTS [F/L Stevens] to Bitteswell for limited overhaul.</p> <p>[post overhaul XS109 went to CFS as 'A']</p> |     |                 |               |  |

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 1970** [AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3075][CJ]

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |   | [Phantom FG.1]   | [43 Sqn] | MPC G/C Dalley & W/C to Leuchars |
| Group Captain Operations 11 Group, he flew 2 sorties whilst 43 Sqn were on MPC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |   |                  |          |                                  |
| XR629                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | S | Scout AH.1       | /AAC     |                                  |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |   |                  |          |                                  |
| XJ426                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn   | F/O Dainty                       |
| <p>Injured girl [Diane Nicholls, 135 Glanmor Rd, Sketty, Swansea] at OS 107/618548, picked up SMO and flew to the position given, nothing seen so landed at Pen-y-Gwryd and confirmed position with Mr Briggs who had reported the incident. Nothing seen on a further search but on return to Pen-y-Gwryd a flare was sighted from the Pen-y-Pass Hotel. Informed the girl was being brought down by a party of walkers on the Pyg track. SMO lowered and although suffering from a head bruise, did not require Hospital treatment, returned to Valley.</p> |   |                  |          |                                  |

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 1970** [BJ][AIR 27/3075][CJ]

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| 43 Sqn returned to Leuchars post their MPC.                                  |   |                 |         |                      |
|                                                                              |   | ?x Phantom FG.1 | 43 Sqn  | To Leuchars          |
| G-AWPV                                                                       | - | Cessna F172H    | Private | To Speke, A W Towler |
| 314                                                                          |   | Strikemaster 84 | BAC     | Singapore AF         |
| XW560                                                                        |   | Jaguar S        | BAC     |                      |
| <p>Based noted:</p> <p>Whirlwind HAR.10 CFD Detachment.</p> <p>XJ726:[F]</p> |   |                 |         |                      |

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August 1970** [BJ][AIR 27/3040][MB]

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| G-AVZT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | - | PA-31 Navajo     | Plessey | To Speke            |
| G-AWMS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | - | HS.125-3B        | RTZ     | Heathrow-Speke      |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |   |                  |         |                     |
| XJ426                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn  | 'PEDRO22' F/L Moyes |
| <p>Report of a parachute at 300ft 3nms off Prestatyn, on arrival the winchman was winched down to the Conwy Lifeboat which confirmed 100ft but no further than 2nms offshore. Search carried out but nothing seen, no aircraft posted as missing. Later informed a man had been seen flying a large kite with a cut out of a man suspended below it.</p> |   |                  |         |                     |
| <p>Based noted:</p> <p>Gnat T.1 XP540:40 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3[prov]</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |   |                  |         |                     |

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 1970** [CJ]



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| XV192 | 192 | Hercules C.1 | [36 Sqn]      |  |
|       | -   | Queen Air    | Private       |  |
|       | AS  | RF-4C        | 30 TRS/10 TRW |  |

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August 1970** [AIR 27/3040]

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| XP347                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'PEDRO22' F/O Dainty |
| Yacht crewman suffering from burns after an explosion near Puffin Island, on arrival the Beaumaris Lifeboat was already alongside and the casualty refused to be winched due to the salt spray affecting his wounds, Lifeboat completed the rescue. |   |                  |        |                      |

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 1970** [AIR 27/3040]

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| XP347                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'PEDRO22' F/L Moyes |
| Overdue aircraft, no flight plan submitted, and a fruitless search carried out. Aircraft was located at a grass strip near Pwllheli by Police.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |   |                  |        |                     |
| XJ426                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'PEDRO22' F/O Haqui |
| Capsized yacht with 2 occupants at Trevor [OS 115/375480] clinging to it, on arrival a small rubber boat was in attendance but had insufficient space for more people. Man, and his young son were winched aboard and landed safely on the beach. Whilst returning to Valley diverted to Cemaes Bay where a boy had fallen on the cliffs. On arrival found the Cemaes Coastguard putting the casualty on to a stretcher which was then winched to the cliff top where a Doctor was taken onboard and the casualty with severe head injuries flown to Bangor Hospital. Later informed he was transferred to Walton Hospital where hi condition is satisfactory. |   |                  |        |                     |

**September 1970** [AIR 29/3799]

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| Station Flight dealt with 309 movements including 3 VIP. |  |  |  |  |
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**September 1970** [AIR 29/3799]

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|  |  | [Sea King] | 706 NAS | Detachment, see June 1970 |
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**September 1970** [AIR 29/3799]

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|  |  |  |  | HMS Endurance detachment |
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**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 1970** [BJ][SB][AIR 29/3799]

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| EI-ARN                               | -      | Wren 460    | Private | Helicopter Maintenance |
| From and to Speke.                   |        |             |         |                        |
| XT482                                | [Q:CU] | Wessex HU.5 | 707 NAS | John Beattie           |
| Mountain Flying Detachment until 3.9 |        |             |         |                        |

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1970** [BJ][MB]

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| G-AWMS                                                     | - | HS.125-3B | RTZ | From Speke |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR538:01 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R |   |           |     |            |

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1970 [CJ]**

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| [XT452] | S:CU | Wessex HU.5 | 707 NAS |  |
| XT482   | Q:CU | Wessex HU.5 | 707 NAS |  |
| [XT458] | Y:CU | Wessex HU.5 | 707 NAS |  |

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 1970 [CJ]**

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| XH209                                                               |  | Canberra B[I].8 | [16 Sqn] |  |
| Based noted:<br>Whirlwind HAR.10 CFS Detachment.<br>XP300:S XD163:X |  |                 |          |  |

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 1970 [BJ][BAR 70/09 & 70/10][@MAR 02/17]**

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| G-AXTM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | - | PA-28 Cherokee | CSE Oxford | To Speke |
| G-AVGC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | - | PA-28 Cherokee | CSE Oxford | To Speke |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP536:27 4 FTS Yeovilton Air Day, static.<br>Gnat T.1 XP516:16 4 FTS Yeovilton Air Day, flying.<br>Gnat T.1 XR535:05 XS100:57 4 FTS Alconbury Air Day, static.<br>Hunter F.6 XF527:70 4 FTS Alconbury Air Day, static. |   |                |            |          |

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 1970**

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| Based noted:<br>Hunter T.7 XL622:81 4 FTS visited Little Rissington.                 |  |  |  |  |
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| [Martin Fenner via Steve Bond]                                                       |  |  |  |  |

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 1970 [BAR 70/10]**

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| Based noted:<br>Hunter T.7 XL600:83 4 FTS visited Odiham. |  |  |  |  |

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 1970 [@MAR 02/21][AIR 27/3040][SB]**

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| <p>Numerous diversions from HMS Ark Royal after the arrestor wires failed on the Carrier.<br/>Quoted as 'half the Carrier Air Wing' which returned to the Carrier after the weekend.<br/>The crews attended the Battle of Britain celebrations in the Officers Mess.<br/>Present on Ark Royal for a visit to Liverpool 27-30.6.70 were:</p> |  |  |  |  |
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| 809 NAS Buccaneer S.2<br>XV156:020:R XV154:021:R XT286:022:R XT283:023:R XV152:024:R XT273:025:R XV163:027:R<br>XN977:030:R XT269:031:R XV161:032:R XT280:033:R XV357:034:R XV354:035:R<br>824 NAS Sea King HAS.1<br>XV654:050:R XV655:051:R XV656:052:R XV657:053:R XV658:054:R XV659:055:R<br>849B NAS Gannet AEW.3<br>XL482:041:R XL494:042:R XP229:043:R XP226:044:R plus COD C.7 XG790:040:R<br>892 NAS Phantom FG.1<br>XV565:001:R XV589:002:R XV586:003:R XV592:004:R XT870:006:R<br>XV590:007:R XV588:010:R XV567:011:R XV568:012:R XV569:013:R XV570:014:R<br>SAR Flight Wessex HAS.1<br>[XM874:- XS880:057:R] |       |                  |         |                          |
| XV588                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 010:R | Phantom FG.1     | 892 NAS | Lt T Gedge & Lt Allen    |
| Diversion from HMS Ark Royal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |       |                  |         |                          |
| XV568                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 012:R | Phantom FG.1     | 892 NAS | Lt G Carolan & Lt J Love |
| Night diversion from HMS Ark Royal after a hydraulic failure.<br>Stayed at Valley for a week.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |       |                  |         |                          |
| XV658                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 054:R | Sea King HAS.1   | 824 NAS | D Stephenson [Obs]       |
| From & to HMS Ark Royal most probably returning the Crews.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |       |                  |         |                          |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |       |                  |         |                          |
| XJ426                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | -     | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn  | 'PEDRO22' F/L Dainty     |
| 2 people stranded on a sandbank at Rhyl [OS 108/993813] informed 1 man was missing but later found safe.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |       |                  |         |                          |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP514:14 [grey/dayglo] XP516:16 [red/white] 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.<br>Hunter T.7 XL609:80 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |       |                  |         |                          |

#### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 1970 [AIR 27/3040]

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| XJ426                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'PEDRO22' F/L Warton |
| Yacht on fire off Wylfa Power Station, on arrival cabin cruiser sighted firing red flares [OS 106/300950] and adrift with no power but no signs of fire. The 6 occupants [4 adults & 2 children] did not require immediate assistance but their engine was broken. Helicopter dropped a smoke float and directed the Holyhead Lifeboat to the vessel, then returned to Valley. |   |                  |        |                      |

#### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 1970 [AIR 27/3091][AIR 27/3073][CJ]

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| 56 Sqn arrived from Akrotiri, Cyprus for their MPC over 13/14.9<br>56 Sqn MPC 16-24.9, 4 Firestreak missiles fired [56 Sqn ORB says 14-25.9]<br>A sixth aircraft [F/L Cole] diverted to Luqa with a fuel gauge malfunction.<br>On their departure 1 aircraft was left at Valley with a starter problem.<br>111 Sqn deployed to Akrotiri to cover the QRA commitment whilst 56 Sqn were on MPC. |   |               |        |                 |
| X[R]750                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | A | Lightning F.3 | 56 Sqn | MPC S/L Weeden  |
| XR717                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | B | Lightning F.3 | 56 Sqn | MPC F/L Bealer  |
| XP744                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | H | Lightning F.3 | 56 Sqn | MPC F/L Childs  |
| XP703                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | S | Lightning F.3 | 56 Sqn | MPC F/L Rackham |

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| XP759 | T | Lightning F.3   | 56 Sqn | MPC F/L Taylor                  |
| XF711 | G | Shackleton MR.3 | 42 Sqn | F/L Scobbie from & to St Mawgan |

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 1970 [AIR 27/3043][CJ]**

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| X[R]750                                                                         | A     | Lightning F.3 | 56 Sqn  |                      |
| XR717                                                                           | B     | Lightning F.3 | 56 Sqn  |                      |
| XP744                                                                           | H     | Lightning F.3 | 56 Sqn  |                      |
| XP703                                                                           | S     | Lightning F.3 | 56 Sqn  |                      |
| XP759                                                                           | T     | Lightning F.3 | 56 Sqn  |                      |
| XV590                                                                           | 007:R | Phantom FG.1  | 892 NAS |                      |
| XV588                                                                           | 010:R | Phantom FG.1  | 892 NAS |                      |
| XV354                                                                           | 035:R | Buccaneer S.2 | 809 NAS |                      |
| XV190                                                                           | 190   | Hercules C.1  | 24 Sqn  | F/O K O N Price      |
| XV214                                                                           | 214   | Hercules C.1  | 36 Sqn  | 'RRR3695' F/L J King |
| Both from Akrotiri with 56 Sqn MPC support, later departed to Lyneham same day. |       |               |         |                      |

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 1970 [AIR 27/3040][CJ]**

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| XV568                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 012:R | Phantom FG.1     | 892 NAS |                     |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |       |                  |         |                     |
| XP361                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | -     | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn  | 'PEDRO22' F/L Moyes |
| Report that an aircraft had crashed into the sea 4nms SE of Aberdaron [OS 115/220205] on arrival nothing seen, then informed by Valley ATC that a waterspout had been seen collapsing by an Observer at RAE Llanbedr, Winchman lowered to Abersoch IRB to inform the crew of this then returned to Valley. |       |                  |         |                     |
| Based noted:<br>Whirlwind HAR.10 CFS Detachment.<br>XP405:D                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |       |                  |         |                     |

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 1970 [AIR 27/3040][CJ]**

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| WH667                              | V | Canberra B.2     | 85 Sqn  | From Binbrook        |
| G-ATBV                             | - | PA-23 Aztec      | Private |                      |
| -                                  |   |                  |         |                      |
| XP361                              | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn  | 'PEDRO22' F/L Warton |
| Gnat precautionary, landed safely. |   |                  |         |                      |

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 1970 [AIR 27/3040][SB]**

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| XV656                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 052:R | Sea King HAS.1   | 824 NAS | D Stephenson [Obs]   |
| From & to HMS Ark Royal.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |       |                  |         |                      |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |       |                  |         |                      |
| XP361                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | -     | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn  | 'PEDRO22' F/L Warton |
| 2 dinghies with men onboard drifting towards Hoyle Bank off Prestatyn. Landed on beach but RNLI personnel knew nothing of the incident, then flew down the coast and located contractors on the beach who informed that 2 dinghies were adrift 2nms out to sea. Located the Rhyl Lifeboat towing 1 dinghy and the contractors boat transferring 4 men from the |       |                  |         |                      |

other dinghy. 1 man was washed overboard and winched into helicopter and flown to the beach.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 1970 [CJ]**

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| XV592 | 004:R | Phantom FG.1 | 892 NAS |  |
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**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 1970 [BAR 70/10]**

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| Based noted:<br>The following aircraft attended the 'Battle of Britain' Airshows.<br>Gnat T.1 XP500:50 4 FTS Benson, static red/white.<br>Gnat T.1 XR569:08 4 FTS Biggin Hill, static.<br>Gnat T.1 XR984:52 4 FTS Coltishall, static.<br>Gnat T.1 XR951:26 4 FTS Finningley, static.<br>Gnat T.1 XR983:53 4 FTS Leuchars, static.<br>Gnat T.1 XP533:33 4 FTS Leuchars, spare.<br>Gnat T.1 XP536:27 4 FTS St Athan, flying.<br>Hunter F.6 XF384:72 4 FTS Biggin Hill, static.<br>Hunter F.6 XF509:73 4 FTS Biggin Hill, flying.<br>Hunter F.6 XG274:71 4 FTS Coltishall, static.<br>Hunter T.7 XL609:80 4 FTS Finningley, static. |  |  |  |  |
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**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 1970 [BJ]**

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| G-ARYM | - | DH.104 Dove 8 | BICC | From Speke; to Heathrow 23.9 |
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**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1970 [CJ][MB]**

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| ?x Gnat T.1 Red Arrows.                                                                                                                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP504 delivered from CFS to 4 FTS becoming '04'<br>Gnat T.1 XP516:16 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 29.9 |  |  |  |  |

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 1970 [MB][AIR 4/231]**

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| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR569:08 4 FTS to Bitteswell [F/L Binney] for limited overhaul.<br>Gnat T.1 XR574:24 [F/L Binney] returned from Bitteswell, see 24.3.70<br>Gnat T.1 XP514:14 4 FTS visited Leuchars [Sheen/West] |  |  |  |  |

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 1970 [MB]**

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| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP537:07 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R<br>[repaired on site by initially Contractors Working Party from 29.9 then by 71 MU. |  |  |  |  |

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 1970 [AIR 27/3081][CJ]**

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|-------------------------------------------------|--|---------------|--------|----------------------------------|
| XS597                                           |  | Andover C.1   | 46 Sqn | 'RRR5632' + 'RRR1651' F/L Austin |
| Routed: Thorney Island-Northolt-Valley, N/stop. |  |               |        |                                  |
| WT519                                           |  | Canberra PR.7 | 31 Sqn |                                  |

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 1970** [DF][AIR 27/3081]

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| XJ409 |  | Whirlwind   | RRE    | From & to Pershore      |
| XS597 |  | Andover C.1 | 46 Sqn | To Waddington, see 28.9 |

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 1970** [CJ]

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|  |  | F-111[E] | [20 TFW] |  |
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**October 1970** [AIR 29/3799]

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| Station Flight dealt with 309 movements including 3 VIP. |  |  |  |  |
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**October 1970** [AIR 29/3799]

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|  |  | ?x Wessex HU.5 | 707 NAS | Mountain Flying Detachment |
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**October 1970**

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| Based noted:<br>Dave Morgan's logbook shows he flew in the following Whirlwind HAR.10 2 Sqn/CFS[H].<br>XJ726:F 17.9/12.10<br>XJ727:L 18.9<br>XN127:W 28/29.9 1.10<br>XP300:S 18.9<br>XP331:T 25.9 5/7/8/9.10<br>XP394:C 17.9/12.10<br>XP405:D 13.10 |  |  |  |  |
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**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 1970** [AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3040]

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| XJ429                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'PEDRO22' F/L Moyes |
| 2 climbers rescued from Aber Falls area [OS 107/669700] SMO flown from Valley SSQ to scene where due to the location the Winchman [Sgt Chappell] and SMO were dropped nearby. Ascertained casualty had a broken arm, ankle, and possible spinal injuries. Flown to Bangor Hospital. |   |                  |        |                     |

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 1970** [AIR 29/3799][AIR 29/3670&4516][CJ]

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| 226 OCU arrived from Coltishall for their MPC.<br>226 OCU MPC 5-8.10.70 |     |                |         |  |
| XM968                                                                   | 968 | Lightning T.4  | 226 OCU |  |
| XM987                                                                   | 987 | Lightning T.4  | 226 OCU |  |
| XN774                                                                   | F   | Lightning F.2A | 92 Sqn  |  |
| XN772                                                                   | N   | Lightning F.2A | 92 Sqn  |  |
| TG568                                                                   | 568 | Hastings C.1A  | SCBS    |  |

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 1970** [AIR 27/3135][CJ][MB]



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| XM496                                                                  | 496 | Britannia C.1   | 99 Sqn | 'RRR6682' F/L A J S James |
| Routed: Brize-Valley-Akrotiri-[7.10]-Wattisham-Brize Norton.           |     |                 |        |                           |
| XR650                                                                  | 56  | JP T.4          | [RAFC] |                           |
| XP556                                                                  | 71  | JP T.4          | [RAFC] |                           |
| XR662                                                                  | 71  | JP T.4          | [RAFC] |                           |
| XM268                                                                  |     | Canberra B[I].8 | 16 Sqn |                           |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP536:27 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for repainting. |     |                 |        |                           |

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 1970** [Pprune MAINJAVAD][AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3132][CJ]

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| *STCAAME<br>*1x Red Top fired.                                                                                                               |   |                |        |                     |
| XP694                                                                                                                                        | D | Lightning F.3  | 29 Sqn | STCAAME             |
| XN774                                                                                                                                        | F | Lightning F.2A | 92 Sqn | F/O Peacock-Edwards |
| Delivered XN773 to Warton from Gutersloh then picked up XN774 which had been used to fly missiles to Valley, then flew it back to Gutersloh. |   |                |        |                     |
|                                                                                                                                              |   | ?              |        |                     |
| RN C-in-C Home Command, Adm Sir H Law, AOC-in-C Training Command, AM Sir L Mavor & AOC 23 Group, AVM H A C Bird-Wilson visited, by air?      |   |                |        |                     |

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 1970** [CJ]

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| XG207  | C | Hunter FGA.9 | 79 Sqn   |  |
| G-AWOX | - | Wessex 60    | Bristows |  |

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 1970** [MB]

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| WD702                                 | U | Meteor TT.20 | 5 MU | From 5 MU Kemble |
| Also quoted as delivery on 13.10.71 ? |   |              |      |                  |

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 1970** [CJ]

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| G-ATRC | - | Travelair | Private |  |
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**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 1970** [BJ]

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| G-ATJR | - | PA-23 Aztec 250C | Private | To Speke, Lulsgate Air Services |
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**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 1970** [CJ]

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| XV294 | 294 | Hercules C.1 | 30/47 Sqn |  |
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**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 1970** [MB]

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| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP536:27 4 FTS returned from Kemble, see 6.10.70<br>Gnat T.1 XP540:40 4 FTS [S/L Dunsmore] to Bitteswell for limited overhaul.<br>Gnat T.1 XR544:35 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing.<br>Gnat T.1 XS106:36 [S/L Dunsmore] returned from Bitteswell, see 17.4.70 |  |  |  |  |

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 1970 [CJ]**

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| XR763 | B   | Lightning F.6 | 11 Sqn   |  |
| XR723 | L   | Lightning F.6 | 11 Sqn   |  |
| WH670 | [B] | Canberra B.2  | [85 Sqn] |  |

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 1970 [AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3150]**

|                                                                                                    |     |                  |         |                       |
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| XR135                                                                                              | 135 | Argosy C.1       | 114 Sqn | 'RRR4444' F/O Mustard |
| Routed: Benson-Valley-Wattisham-St Mawgan                                                          |     |                  |         |                       |
| -                                                                                                  |     |                  |         |                       |
| XP361                                                                                              | -   | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn  | 'PEDRO22'             |
| 1 climber picked up at Clogwyn D'ur Arddu [OS 107/597554] but was dead on arrival at the Hospital. |     |                  |         |                       |

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 1970 [AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3040]**

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| XJ429                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'PEDRO22' F/O Haqui |
| Flew at first light to Fleetwood to search for a missing fibreglass dinghy with 3 occupants. Search started between Blackpool Pier and Fleetwood, after 20mins search changed to Blackpool North Pier and Walney Island. Aircraft then refuelled at Blackpool Airport, searched then mud flats in Morecambe Bay followed by another refuel at Blackpool, nothing seen and eventually returned to Valley. |   |                  |        |                     |
| XP361                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'PEDRO23' F/L Nice  |
| 2 persons, a man [Mr Jeffrey Fossard 46] and a boy [Gregory Fossard 12] rescued after being stranded on the East Mouse [OS 106/445942] and flown to Valley SSQ.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |   |                  |        |                     |

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 1970 [AIR 27/3135][AIR 27/3132][AIR 27/3199][CJ][MB]**

|                                                                                                                                                                      |        |                |           |                            |
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| 92 Sqn arrived from Gutersloh for their MPC.<br>92 Sqn MPC 22.10-4.11, 5 Firestreak missiles fired.<br>Number of sorties from and to Gutersloh with spares/missiles. |        |                |           |                            |
| XN793                                                                                                                                                                | A      | Lightning F.2A | 92 Sqn    | MPC                        |
| XN787                                                                                                                                                                | L      | Lightning F.2A | 92 Sqn    | MPC                        |
| XN792                                                                                                                                                                | M      | Lightning F.2A | 92 Sqn    | MPC                        |
| XN772                                                                                                                                                                | N      | Lightning F.2A | 92 Sqn    | MPC                        |
| XN774                                                                                                                                                                | F      | Lightning F.2A | 92 Sqn    | MPC                        |
| XN768                                                                                                                                                                | S      | Lightning F.2A | 92 Sqn    | MPC                        |
| XM489                                                                                                                                                                | 489    | Britannia C.1* | 99 Sqn    | 'RRR6663' S/L J K Williams |
| XM497                                                                                                                                                                | 497    | Britannia C.1* | 511 Sqn   | 'RRR6664' F/L Henderson    |
| *Both routed: Gutersloh-Valley, 92 Sqn MPC support.                                                                                                                  |        |                |           |                            |
| XT452                                                                                                                                                                | S:CU   | Wessex HU.5    | 707 NAS   |                            |
| [XS510]                                                                                                                                                              | [W:CU] | Wessex HU.5    | [848 NAS] |                            |
| [XR506]                                                                                                                                                              | AN     | Wessex HC.2    | 72 Sqn    |                            |
| [XT668]                                                                                                                                                              | AS     | Wessex HC.2    | 72 Sqn    |                            |
| [XT673]                                                                                                                                                              | AY     | Wessex HC.2    | 72 Sqn    |                            |
| Based noted:                                                                                                                                                         |        |                |           |                            |

[Gnat T.1 XR981 is quoted as going from Valley to Kemble on this date. However, it was with CFS at that stage, possibly flew in from Valley ?]

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 1970** [AIR 27/3135][AIR 27/3199]

|       |     |               |         |                               |
|-------|-----|---------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| XM489 | 489 | Britannia C.1 | 99 Sqn  | 'RRR6663' to Brize, see 19.10 |
| XM497 | 497 | Britannia C.1 | 511 Sqn | 'RRR6664' to Brize, see 19.10 |

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 1970** [F/O C Coville later AM.][F&F][AIR 27/3011][CJ][MB]

|                                                                                                                                                |     |                |         |                       |
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| *Scrambled from Binbrook to Aberporth Range.<br>*1x Red Top fired.<br>*Landed at Valley and later departed back to Binbrook.                   |     |                |         |                       |
| XR759                                                                                                                                          | [R] | Lightning F.6* | 5 Sqn   | STCAAME F/L C Coville |
| XS923                                                                                                                                          | A   | Lightning F.6  | 5 Sqn   |                       |
| XP751                                                                                                                                          | S   | Lightning F.3  | 111 Sqn |                       |
| WH850                                                                                                                                          |     | Canberra T.4   | [RAFG]  | [Wildenrath SF ?]     |
| 68-0035                                                                                                                                        | UR  | F-111E         | /20 TFW |                       |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP531:45 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing.<br>Gnat T.1 XR953:29 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing. |     |                |         |                       |

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1970** [AIR 27/3040]

|                                                                                                                                                    |  |        |         |  |
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|                                                                                                                                                    |  | Hunter | [4 FTS] |  |
| Birdstrike to canopy obscuring vision. ATC scrambled 22 Sqn Whirlwind HAR.10 XP361 [F/L Dainty] which picked up a Fireman, aircraft landed safely. |  |        |         |  |

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 1970** [MC 12/70][@MAR 02/17][CJ]

|                                                                 |       |                |          |                 |
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| XN732                                                           | R     | Lightning F.2A | 92 Sqn   |                 |
| XN733                                                           | U     | Lightning F.2A | 92 Sqn   |                 |
| XN791                                                           | D     | Lightning F.2A | 92 Sqn   |                 |
| XN769                                                           | Z     | Lightning F.2A | 92 Sqn   |                 |
| WK144                                                           | [W]   | Canberra B.2   | [85 Sqn] | [90 Signals Gp] |
| XV662                                                           | 140:E | Sea King HAS.1 | 826 NAS  |                 |
| XV665                                                           | 143:E | Sea King HAS.1 | 826 NAS  |                 |
| XV666                                                           | 144:E | Sea King HAS.1 | 826 NAS  |                 |
| XV667                                                           | 145:E | Sea King HAS.1 | 826 NAS  |                 |
| G-AWMS                                                          | -     | HS.125-3B      | RTZ      | From Staverton  |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XS104:44 4 FTS air test at Bitteswell. |       |                |          |                 |

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 1970** [MB]

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| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP514:14 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R.<br>[re-assessed as CAT.2R and returned to 4 FTS 12.11.70 with CAT.2 work remaining] |  |  |  |  |

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 1970 [CJ]**

|       |       |              |          |  |
|-------|-------|--------------|----------|--|
| TG553 | [553] | Hastings T.5 | BCBS     |  |
| VP978 |       | Devon C.2    | [26 Sqn] |  |

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 1970 [CJ][MB]**

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| XM995                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | T   | Lightning T.4  | 92 Sqn   |                 |
| WK126                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 843 | Canberra TT.18 | FRADU    |                 |
| WE113                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | [Q] | Canberra B.2   | [98 Sqn] | [90 Signals Gp] |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP502:02 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R repaired on site by 71 MU from 3.1[1]0<br>Gnat T.1 XR953:29 returned from Kemble, see 21.10.70<br>Gnat T.1 XS103:59 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing. |     |                |          |                 |

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 1970 [MC 12/70]**

|        |   |           |     |                |
|--------|---|-----------|-----|----------------|
| G-AWMS | - | HS.125-3B | RTZ | From Staverton |
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**November 1970 [AIR 29/3799]**

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| Station Flight dealt with 250 movements including 5 VIP. |  |  |  |  |
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**November 1970 [AIR 29/3799]**

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|  |  |  | 829 NAS | Detachment |
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**November 1970 [BAR 71/01]**

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| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR534:65 4 FTS visited Pershore. |  |  |  |  |

**November 1970 [AIR 29/3799]**

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|  |  |  | 846 NAS | Mountain Flying Detachment |
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**November 1970 [AIR 29/3799]**

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|  |  |  | 848 NAS | Mountain Flying Detachment |
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**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1970 [AIR 27/3040][AIR 29/4163][MB]**

|                                                                                     |   |                  |            |                               |
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| XS789                                                                               | - | Andover CC.2     | Queens Flt | 'RRR1198' HRH Prince of Wales |
| Routed: Benson-Marham-Hawarden-Valley-Benson.                                       |   |                  |            |                               |
| XV732                                                                               | - | Wessex HCC.4     | Queens Flt | 'RRR1199'                     |
| Routed: Benson-Hawarden-St Asaph-Valley N/stop HRH Prince of Wales.                 |   |                  |            |                               |
| -                                                                                   |   |                  |            |                               |
| XP361                                                                               | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn     | F/O Haqui                     |
| Scrambled for a Gnat with smoke reported in the cockpit, landed safely.             |   |                  |            |                               |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP535:54 repairs complete back to 4 FTS 3.11 – see 12.8.70 |   |                  |            |                               |

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1970** [AIR 29/4163][CJ]

|                                                                             |   |              |            |                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------|------------|---------------------|
| XV732                                                                       | - | Wessex HCC.4 | Queens Flt | HRH Prince of Wales |
| Routed: Valley-St Asaph-Llandudno-Menai Bridge-Newborough-Llandudno-Valley. |   |              |            |                     |
|                                                                             | - | F-111E       | /20 TFW    |                     |

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 1970** [AIR 29/4163][CJ]

|                                                                   |   |               |            |                               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---------------|------------|-------------------------------|
| XV732                                                             | - | Wessex HCC.4  | Queens Flt | HRH Prince of Wales           |
| Routed: Valley-Vaynol-Llandudno-Valley-Llandudno-Hawarden-Benson. |   |               |            |                               |
| XS793                                                             | - | Andover CC.2  | Queens Flt | 'RRR1100' HRH Prince of Wales |
| Routed: Benson-Valley-Hawarden-Heathrow-Benson.                   |   |               |            |                               |
| WF371                                                             | S | Varsity T.1   | 5 FTS      |                               |
| G-IATT                                                            | - | [Hughes]      | Private    |                               |
| G-ASFJ                                                            | - | Beech Bonanza | Private    |                               |

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 1970** [CJ][MB]

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| XK526                                                                                                                                                                      |    | Buccaneer S.2 | [RAE]   |  |
| 68-0045                                                                                                                                                                    | UR | F-111E        | /20 TFW |  |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR538:01 4 FTS [F/L Fitzsimmons] to Bitteswell for limited overhaul.<br>Gnat T.1 XS104:44 [F/L Fitzsimmons] returned from Bitteswell, see 17.4.70 |    |               |         |  |

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 1970** [AIR 27/3132][AIR 27/3040][MB]

|                                                                            |   |                  |        |              |
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| 92 Sqn departed back to Gutersloh post their MPC.                          |   |                  |        |              |
|                                                                            |   | Lightning        | 92 Sqn | To Gutersloh |
|                                                                            |   | Lightning        | 92 Sqn | To Gutersloh |
|                                                                            |   | Lightning        | 92 Sqn | To Gutersloh |
|                                                                            |   | Lightning        | 92 Sqn | To Gutersloh |
| -                                                                          |   |                  |        |              |
| XJ429                                                                      | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/O Haqui    |
| Scrambled for a Gnat with fuel shortage, landed safely.                    |   |                  |        |              |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR544:35 4 FTS returned from Kemble, see 15.10.70 |   |                  |        |              |

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 1970** [AIR 27/3135][AIR 27/3132][AIR 27/3199][CJ]

|                                                                                     |     |                |         |                        |
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| XS898                                                                               | K   | Lightning F.6  | 5 Sqn   |                        |
| XS901                                                                               | D   | Lightning F.6  | 5 Sqn   |                        |
| XL659                                                                               | 659 | Britannia C.1* | 99 Sqn  | 'RRR6680' F/L R Howell |
| XM519                                                                               | 519 | Britannia C.1* | 511 Sqn | 'RRR6681' F/L Denham   |
| *Both routed: Brize Norton-Valley-Gutersloh-Brize Norton, return of 92 Sqn support. |     |                |         |                        |

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 1970** [CJ]

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| XR753 | B | Lightning F.6 | 5 Sqn |  |
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**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 1970** [AIR 27/3011][CJ][MB]

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| XS451                                                                                                                                                       | T   | Lightning T.5 | 5 Sqn  |                                 |
| TG536                                                                                                                                                       | 536 | Hastings C.1A | [BCBS] | 5 Sqn MPC support from Binbrook |
| <p>Based noted:<br/> Gnat T.1 XP508:21 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing.<br/> Gnat T.1 XP531:45 4 FTS returned from 5 MU Kemble, see 21.10.70</p> |     |               |        |                                 |

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 1970** [AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3011][AIR 27/3040]

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| <p>5 Sqn arrived from Binbrook for their MPC.<br/> 5 Sqn MPC 15.11, No missiles fired during the first 2 weeks, 1 misfire on 30.11</p>                                                                          |   |                  |        |                      |
|                                                                                                                              |   |                  |        |                      |
| [Dennis Pritchard]                                                                                                                                                                                              |   |                  |        |                      |
| XR772                                                                                                                                                                                                           | E | Lightning F.6    | 5 Sqn  | MPC W/C G A White    |
| XS898                                                                                                                                                                                                           | K | Lightning F.6    | 5 Sqn  | MPC S/L J J Seavers  |
| XR755                                                                                                                                                                                                           | O | Lightning F.6    | 5 Sqn  | MPC F/L J A Ward     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |   | Lightning F.6    | 5 Sqn  | MPC F/L S J Spoor    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |   | Lightning F.6    | 5 Sqn  | MPC F/L W Tyndall    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |   | Lightning F.1    | [TFF]  | MPC target           |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                               |   |                  |        |                      |
| XP361                                                                                                                                                                                                           | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'PEDRO22' F/L Moyes  |
| <p>Sea search carried out at first light for a missing Airman, SAC Eric David Bannister who was adrift in a dinghy. Search also involved the Holyhead and Porthdinllaen Lifeboats, nothing seen, see below.</p> |   |                  |        |                      |
| XJ429                                                                                                                                                                                                           | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | 'PEDRO23' F/L Dainty |
| <p>Continued the search started by 'PEDRO22' [see above] after 25mins diverted to Cymyran Beach [OS 106/299753] to recover the body of SAC Bannister, flown to Valley SSQ. He was buried at Ford.</p>           |   |                  |        |                      |

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 1970** [CJ]



|         |        |                |           |     |
|---------|--------|----------------|-----------|-----|
| XS923   | A      | Lightning F.6  | 5 Sqn     | MPC |
| XR753   | B      | Lightning F.6  | 5 Sqn     | MPC |
| XS901   | D      | Lightning F.6  | 5 Sqn     | MPC |
| XS898   | K      | Lightning F.6  | 5 Sqn     | MPC |
| XS925   | L      | Lightning F.6  | 5 Sqn     | MPC |
| XR755   | O      | Lightning F.6  | 5 Sqn     | MPC |
| XM181   | Y      | Lightning F.1A | 5 Sqn     | MPC |
| [XF991] | 688:LM | Hunter T.8C    | 764 NAS   |     |
| XV230   | 30     | Nimrod MR.1    | [236 OCU] |     |

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 1970 [CJ]

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|--------|------|-------------|---------|---------|
| 151888 | HL20 | EC-130G     | VQ-4    | US Navy |
| 32+02  | -    | G.91R-3     | [WS-50] | WGAF    |
| 31+99  | -    | G.91R-3     | [WS-50] | WGAF    |
| G-AXVE | -    | Cessna 210K | Private |         |
| G-ASJR | -    | Cessna 182F | Private |         |

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 1970 [CJ]

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| WB534                                                                                                                                                                                                       |   | Devon C.2   | [26 Sqn] |  |
| G-ATFF                                                                                                                                                                                                      | - | PA-23 Aztec | Private  |  |
| <p>Based noted:<br/> Gnat T.1 XS103:59 returned from Kemble, see 29.10.70<br/> Gnat T.1 XS105:60 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing.<br/> Whirlwind HAR.10 CFS Detachment.<br/> XP338:N XJ758:Z</p> |   |             |          |  |

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 1970 [CJ][MB]

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|--------------|----------|---------------|
| WH667                                                                                                         | V | Canberra B.2 | [85 Sqn] | From Binbrook |
| XR541                                                                                                         | C | Gnat T.1     | CFS      |               |
| XR544                                                                                                         | B | Gnat T.1     | CFS      |               |
| <p>Based noted:<br/> Gnat T.1 XR534 ex. CFS delivered from Bitteswell [F/L Malloy] to 4 FTS becoming '65'</p> |   |              |          |               |

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 1970 [AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3011][CJ]

|                                                                         |     |               |           |             |
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| 5 Sqn who were on MPC flew back to Binbrook for night flying, see 9.12. |     |               |           |             |
|                                                                         |     | Lightning F.6 | 5 Sqn     | To Binbrook |
|                                                                         |     | Lightning F.6 | 5 Sqn     | To Binbrook |
|                                                                         |     | Lightning F.6 | 5 Sqn     | To Binbrook |
|                                                                         |     | Lightning F.6 | 5 Sqn     | To Binbrook |
|                                                                         |     | Lightning F.6 | 5 Sqn     | To Binbrook |
| XT492                                                                   | Y:B | Wessex HU.5   | [845 NAS] |             |
| [XS499]                                                                 | S:B | Wessex HU.5   | [845 NAS] |             |
| [XT763]                                                                 | T:B | Wessex HU.5   | [845 NAS] |             |

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 1970 [CJ][MB]**

|                                                                      |     |             |           |  |
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| [XT455]                                                              | P:B | Wessex HU.5 | [845 NAS] |  |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XS105:60 returned from Kemble, see 19.11.70 |     |             |           |  |

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 1970 [CJ][MB]**

|                                                             |          |                 |           |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------|--|
| XR727                                                       | F        | Lightning F.6   | 23 Sqn    |  |
| XR762                                                       | L        | Lightning F.6   | 23 Sqn    |  |
| XS903                                                       | C        | Lightning F.6   | 5 Sqn     |  |
| XN651                                                       | [710:VL] | Sea Vixen FAW.2 | [766 NAS] |  |
| XV243                                                       | 43       | Nimrod MR.1     | [Kinloss] |  |
| XV866                                                       | 653:LM   | Buccaneer S.2   | 736 NAS   |  |
| [XW314]                                                     | 31       | JP T.[5]        | [3 FTS]   |  |
| [XW316]                                                     | 32       | JP T.[5]        | [3 FTS]   |  |
| XS212                                                       | 40       | JP T.4          | CFS       |  |
| XS217                                                       | 50       | JP T.4          | CFS       |  |
| Based noted:<br>Whirlwind HAR.10 CFS Detachment.<br>XJ727:L |          |                 |           |  |

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 1970 [CJ]**

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| WT305 | [-] | Canberra B.6[BS] | [51 Sqn] |  |
| XK655 |     | Comet R.2        | [51 Sqn] |  |

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 1970 [AIR 27/3040][CJ][MB]**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                        |      |                  |           |            |
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| WK553                                                                                                                                                                                                  | A    | Chipmunk T.10    | Wales UAS |            |
| WZ862                                                                                                                                                                                                  | B    | Chipmunk T.10    | Wales UAS |            |
| [WP899]                                                                                                                                                                                                | C    | Chipmunk T.10    | Wales UAS |            |
| [WZ846]                                                                                                                                                                                                | D    | Chipmunk T.10    | Wales UAS |            |
| XS513                                                                                                                                                                                                  | F:CU | Wessex HU.5      | 846 NAS   |            |
| [XT418]                                                                                                                                                                                                | 501  | Wasp HAS.1       | [829 NAS] |            |
| -                                                                                                                                                                                                      |      |                  |           |            |
| XP361                                                                                                                                                                                                  | -    | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn    | F/L Warton |
| Case of persons suffering from exposure at position OS 107/680540, on arrival found a tent at the position. Winchman walked over to the tent was and both persons were flown to Bangor C & A Hospital. |      |                  |           |            |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XR951:26 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 7.12                                                                                                        |      |                  |           |            |

**December 1970 [AIR 29/3799]**

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|-------------------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Station Flight handled movements including VIP. |  |  |  |  |
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**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 1970 [BJ][CJ]**

|        |   |                  |         |                               |
|--------|---|------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| G-ARBN | - | PA-23 Apache 160 | Private | From Speke, Luton Flying Club |
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|--------|------|-------------|---------|--|
| G-ATJR | -    | PA-23 Aztec | Private |  |
| XS507  | C:CU | Wessex HU.5 | 846 NAS |  |

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1970 [CJ]

|        |   |                  |         |  |
|--------|---|------------------|---------|--|
| XS898  | K | Lightning F.6    | 5 Sqn   |  |
| G-ARBN | - | PA-23 Apache 160 | Private |  |
| G-ASJR | - | Cessna 182F      | Private |  |

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1970 [CJ]

|                                                             |  |          |          |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--|----------|----------|--|
| WT573                                                       |  | Canberra | [31 Sqn] |  |
| [WT573 is not a Canberra serial so most probably WT537]     |  |          |          |  |
| Based noted:<br>Whirlwind HAR.10 CFS Detachment.<br>XP341:E |  |          |          |  |

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 1970 [CJ][MB]

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| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP530:64 [F/O Smith] returned from Bitteswell, see 29.5.70<br>Gnat T.1 XP542:42 4 FTS [F/O Smith] to Bitteswell for limited overhaul.<br>Whirlwind HAR.10 CFS Detachment.<br>XP356:B XJ726:F |  |  |  |  |

### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 1970 [CJ][MB]

|                                                                                                                               |    |          |          |               |
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|                                                                                                                               | 37 | JP T.    |          |               |
| Possibly JP T.4 XR657:37 1 FTS or T.5 XW325:37 3 FTS                                                                          |    |          |          |               |
| [WJ567]                                                                                                                       | N  | Canberra | [85 Sqn] | From Binbrook |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP508:21 4 FTS delivered back from 5 MU, see 13.11.70<br>Whirlwind HAR.10 CFS Detachment.<br>XP405:D |    |          |          |               |

### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1970 [AIR 27/3011][AIR 27/3202][CJ]

|                                                                                  |       |                |         |                             |
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| 5 Sqn departed back to Binbrook post their MPC having fired 5 out of 6 missiles. |       |                |         |                             |
|                                                                                  |       | ?x Lightning   | 5 Sqn   | To Binbrook                 |
| XH674                                                                            | -     | Victor B.2[SR] | 543 Sqn | Diversion F/L S H Stevenson |
| Weather diversion whilst routing Akrotiri, Cyprus to Wyton.                      |       |                |         |                             |
| XV341                                                                            | 113:E | Buccaneer S.2  | 800 NAS |                             |

### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 1970 [AIR 27/3040][AIR 27/3202][SB]

|                                             |        |                |         |                    |
|---------------------------------------------|--------|----------------|---------|--------------------|
|                                             |        | ?              |         |                    |
| AVM Downey visited 22 Sqn, arrived by air ? |        |                |         |                    |
| XH674                                       | -      | Victor B.2[SR] | 543 Sqn | To Wyton, see 9.12 |
| WP321                                       | 659:LM | Sea Prince T.1 | 750 NAS | Ed Featherstone    |

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 1970 [CJ]**

|         |      |            |         |                           |
|---------|------|------------|---------|---------------------------|
| [10576] | AH-E | F-5A       | 332 Skv | R Norwegian AF [65-10576] |
| XV314   | M    | Sioux HT.2 | CFS     |                           |
| XV318   | V    | Sioux HT.2 | CFS     |                           |
| XV315   | W    | Sioux HT.2 | CFS     |                           |

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1970 [AIR 29/3799][AIR 27/3040][CJ]**

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| XV725                                                                                                 | AC | Wessex HC.2 | 72 Sqn |  |
| XT672                                                                                                 | AX | Wessex HC.2 | 72 Sqn |  |
| Mountain Flying Detachment until 18.12                                                                |    |             |        |  |
| -                                                                                                     |    |             |        |  |
|                                                                                                       |    | Gnat T.1    | 4 FTS  |  |
| Low fuel state. ATC scrambled 22 Sqn Whirlwind HAR.10 XP361 [F/L Moyes] for this, Gnat landed safely. |    |             |        |  |

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 1970 [MB]**

|                                                                                     |  |  |  |  |
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| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP537:07 repairs complete back to 4 FTS 21.12, see 25.9.70 |  |  |  |  |

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 1970 [AIR 27/3040]**

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  | Gnat T.1 | 4 FTS |  |
| Engine vibrations. ATC scrambled 22 Sqn Whirlwind HAR.10 XJ429 [F/L Warton] for this incident, Gnat landed safely. Additionally, a second Gnat reported engine vibrations, helicopter remained airborne until the second one had landed safely. |  |          |       |  |

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1970 [Ian Hartley logbook\*][CJ][MB]**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                       |   |                |        |                    |
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| XR752                                                                                                                                                                                                 | G | Lightning F.6* | 23 Sqn | From & to Leuchars |
| XR728                                                                                                                                                                                                 | D | Lightning F.6  | 23 Sqn |                    |
| Based noted:<br>Gnat T.1 XP515:55 delivered to 4 FTS [F/O Smith] from Bitteswell.<br>Gnat T.1 XP538:38 4 FTS [F/O Smith] to Bitteswell for overhaul.<br>Whirlwind HAR.10 CFS Detachment.<br>[XP349]:C |   |                |        |                    |

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 1970 [AIR 27/3040]**

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| XP361                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | - | Whirlwind HAR.10 | 22 Sqn | F/L Warton |
| 30ft yacht in trouble off Abergele, on arrival informed that the yacht's engine had broken down. Contacted Rhyl Lifeboat, which was directed to the yacht, once the Lifeboat was in contact with the yacht returned to Valley. |   |                  |        |            |

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December 1970 [MC 2/71]**

|        |   |           |          |                    |
|--------|---|-----------|----------|--------------------|
| G-ATBY | - | Wessex 60 | Bristows | From East Midlands |
|--------|---|-----------|----------|--------------------|

Based noted:

Flypast of 21 Gnats & 6 Hunters for the farewell of the CFI. Led by W/C G McA Bacon.  
Gnat T.1 4 FTS \*still in the old grey/dayglo scheme, the rest in the new red/white colours.

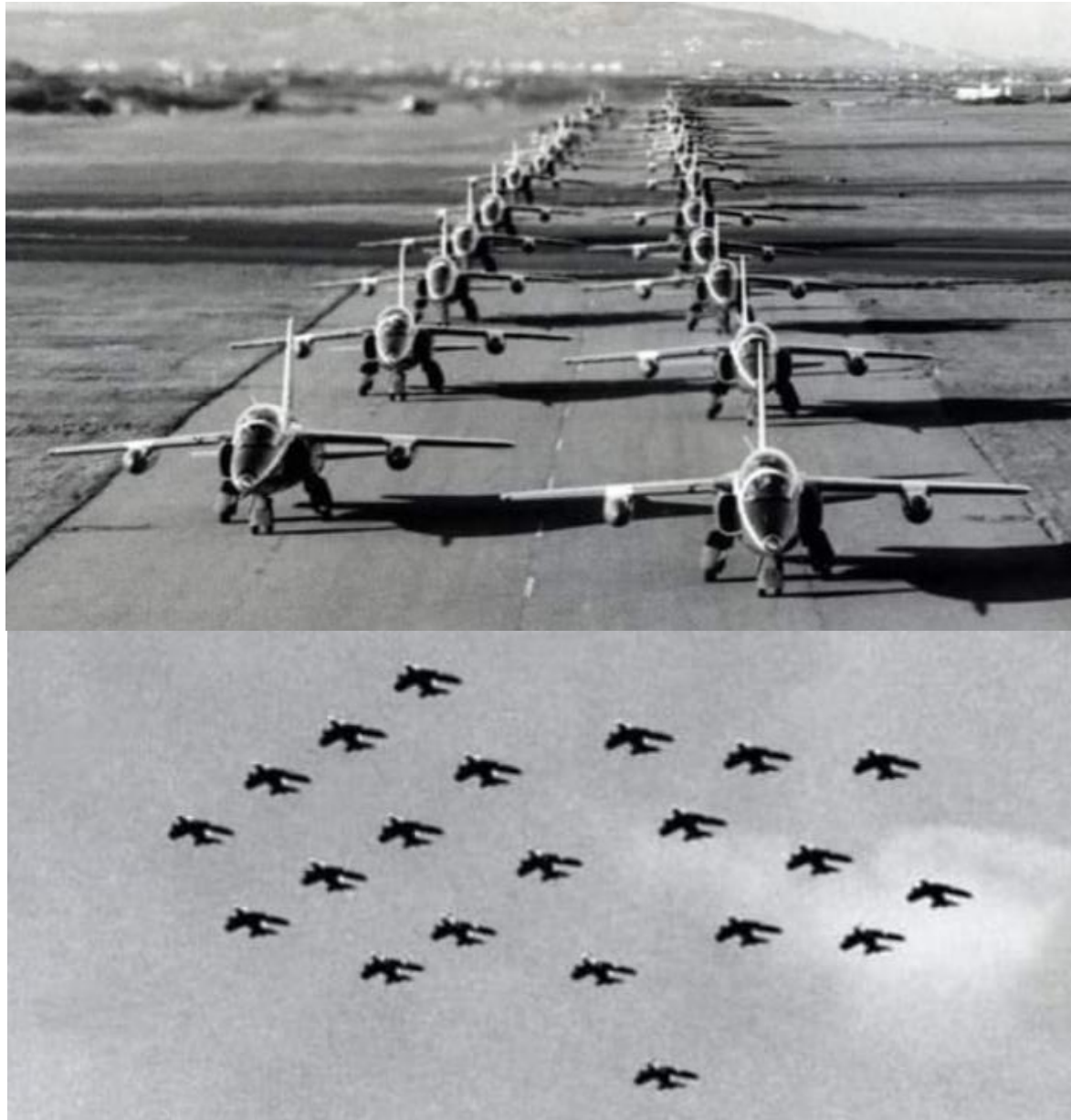
XP506:06 XP513:13\* XP514:14\* XR567:17\* XR574:24 XR541:34\* XS106:36 XR537:37  
XP539:39\* XP541:41 XR955:43\* XR983:53 XS105:60 XP530:64 plus 7 others.

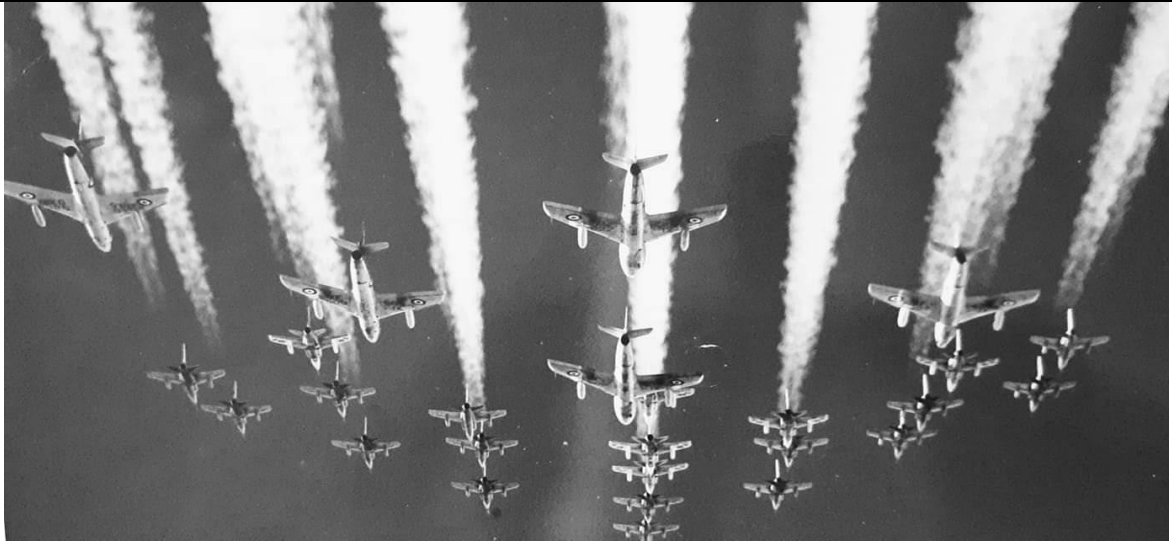
Hunter F.6 4 FTS

XF527:70 XG274:71 XF509:73 XG185:74

Hunter T.7 4 FTS

XL609:80 XL622:81





[All: Taffy Jones]