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RAF Valley

Aircraft Movements

1971

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Additional 4 FTS movements.
Additional Sqn movements: 48 Sqn
Additional logbook movements.
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SUMMARY

RAF Valley continued to provide Advanced Flying Training with Gnats & Hunters.

Abbreviations

Abbreviations	
AAC	Army Air Corps
A&AEE	Aeroplane & Armament Experimental Establishment
AEF	Air Experience Flight
AFWF	Advanced Fixed Wing Flight
AKG	AufklarungsGruppe [W German AF Reconnaissance Unit]
ANS	Air Navigation School

ARWF	Advanced Rotary Wing Flight
[F]BW	[Fighter] Bomber Wing [USAF]
CAACU	Civilian Anti-Aircraft Co-operation Unit
CAFU	Civil Aviation Flying Unit
CASEVAC	Casualty Evacuation
CATCS	Central Air Traffic Control School
CAW	College of Air Warfare
CCCF	Coastal Command Communications Flight
CFS	Central Flying School
CN&CS	Central Navigation & Control School
ECM	Electronic Counter Measures
ETPS	Empire Test Pilots School
FCCS	Fighter Command Communications Squadron
FCTU	Fighter Command Trials Unit
FTCCS	Flying Training Command Communications Squadron
FTS	Flying Training School
GCA	Ground Controlled Approach
HQ CCCF	Headquarters Coastal Command Communications Flight
HQ FC	Headquarters Fighter Command
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

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

RAF Valley ATC Frequencies in use 1971.

Approach 374.1

Director 248.8

Talkdown 254.3

Tower 384.4

Ground 269.5

Aberporth Primary 250.5

Aberporth Secondary 272.8

Llanbedr Approach 260.5

January 1971



Gnat flightline with a mixture of the old dayglo/grey & the new red/white schemes.

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Gnat T.1 XS104:44 XR982:51 XP541:41 4 FTS
Seen here on an undated 1971 sortie with the Glyders & Tryfan in the background.
[via Damian Smyth]

January 1971 [AIR 29/4199]

Station Flight 237 movements with 7 VIP's.

January 1971 [AIR 27/3146]

*Scrambled from Wattisham to Aberporth Range.
1x missile fired, land Valley.

		Lightning*	111 Sqn	STCAAME
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Sunday 3rd January 1971 [AIR 27/3041][AIR 27/3135]

		Argosy C.1*		'RRR4504'
		Argosy C.1*		'RRR4505'
*23 Sqn MPC support from Leuchars.				
XL657	657	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	'RRR6128' F/L J H Hanson
From Akrotiri.				

Monday 4th January 1971 [AIR 27/3041][AIR 29/4199][AIR 27/3135][CJ]

23 Sqn arrived from Leuchars for their MPC. 23 Sqn MPC 4-15.1, 5 missiles fired.				
XR765	A	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	MPC S/L M A A Hobbs or XR752
XR727	F	Lightning F.6*	23 Sqn	MPC F/O I G Hartley*
XS937	C	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	MPC Capt C R Geiger [USMC]
XS937 may have arrived later in the detachment.				
XS934	J	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	MPC
XR747	K	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	MPC F/O P Cooper
XR762	L	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	MPC F/O C L Washington
XM177	177	Lightning F.1	TFF	MPC Target Facilities Flight
XL657	657	Britannia C.1	99 Sqn	'RRR6128' to St Mawgan, see 3.1

Based noted: *Gnat T.1 XP535:[54] 4 FTS visited Leuchars. *Flew F/O Hartley of 23 Sqn back to Leuchars having flown Lightning F.6 XR727:F to Valley.				
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Tuesday 5th January 1971 [AIR 27/3291][CJ]

XR756	H	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	MPC
XM491	491	Britannia C.1	99/511 Sqn	
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XP361	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Warton
Search for a second person from a capsized mussel boat, nothing seen. The first survivor had already been rescued by another boat.				

Wednesday 6th January 1971 [AIR 27/3041]

23 Sqn MPC 1x Firestreak fired [XS935:J][F/O Cooper]				
XS935	J	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	MPC

Thursday 7th January 1971 [CJ]

WJ715		Canberra TT.18	[7 Sqn]	
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Friday 8th January 1971 [AIR 27/3056]

XS774	-	Basset CC.1	32 Sqn	'RRR5143' F/L Evans
Routed: Northolt-Valley-Shawbury-Northolt.				

Monday 11th January 1971 [CJ][MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR998:47 [F/L Hamill] returned from Bitteswell, see 23.6.70 Whirlwind HAR.10 CFS Detachment. XP349:C				

Tuesday 12th January 1971 [AIR 27/3041][AIR 27/3291][CJ]

23 Sqn MPC 1x Firestreak fired [XR756:U][S/L Hobbs] 1x Firestreak fired [XR727:F][Capt Geiger]				
XR756	U	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	MPC
XR727	F	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	MPC
XW306	65	JP T.5	1 FTS	
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XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Moyes
Lightning aircraft precautionary with an engine problem, whilst airborne another Lightning aircraft declared a hydraulic emergency, both landed safely.				

Wednesday 13th January 1971 [AIR 27/3041]

23 Sqn MPC				
1x Firestreak fired [XR747:K][F/O Brady]				
XR747	K	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	MPC

Thursday 14th January 1971 [AIR 27/3041][CJ]

23 Sqn MPC				
1x Firestreak fired [XR765:A][F/O Cruickshanks]				
23 Sqn departed back to Leuchars post their MPC.				
In the 23 Sqn ORB XR727 is mentioned twice, possibly XR747 was also involved?				
XS935	J	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	To Leuchars S/L M A A Hobbs
XR747	K	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	To Leuchars F/O J P Brady
XR765	A	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	To Leuchars F/L C J Cruickshanks
XR756	U	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	To Leuchars F/O P Cooper
[XR727]	[F]	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	To Leuchars F/O C L Washington
		Lightning F.1	TFF	To Leuchars MPC target aircraft
XR711	A	Lightning F.3*	111 Sqn	F/L J L Howe N/stop
XP758	[S]	Lightning F.3*	111 Sqn	F/L W M Hodgkins [29 Sqn] N/stop
*Diverted in whilst returning to Wattisham from Akrotiri, Exercise Panther Trail. Part of 3 aircraft including a 29 Sqn jet which deployed to Akrotiri 12.1970				
XR981	J	Gnat T.1	CFS	
XM705	B	Gnat T.1	CFS	
XM709	C	Gnat T.1	CFS	
WL626	P	Varsity T.1	6 FTS	
WF382	Q	Varsity T.1	6 FTS	
WJ944	Y	Varsity T.1	6 FTS	

Friday 15th January 1971 [AIR 27/3041][AIR 27/3146][AIR 27/3081][CJ]

XR711	A	Lightning F.3	111 Sqn	To Wattisham, see 14.1
XP758	[S]	Lightning F.3	111 Sqn	To Wattisham, see 14.1
XS640		Andover C.1*	46 Sqn	'RRR4945' F/L Brindle
XS609		Andover C.1*	46 Sqn	'RRR4946' F/O Cross
*Routed: Thorney Island-Valley-Leuchars-Thorney Island, return of 23 Sqn MPC support.				
Gnat T.1 XM708 + 5 others CFS/Red Arrows. [XM708 was a 4 FTS aircraft normally coded :18 – on loan perhaps]				
XR109	109	Argosy C.1	114 Sqn	[Red Arrows support ?]
G-AXXG	-	BN.2A Islander	Private	
G-ASHW	-	DH.104 Dove 8	Private	Scottish Aviation

Monday 18th January 1971 [BJ][CJ][MB]

G-ATJR	-	PA-23 Aztec 250C	Private	Lulsgate Air Services
To and from Speke.				
XL480	072:E	Gannet AEW.3	849 NAS	
Based noted:				

Gnat T.1 XR567:17 4 FTS [F/L Coker] to Bitteswell for limited overhaul.
[post overhaul XR567 went to CFS and was subsequently lost 13.12.71 at Upper Heyford due to structural failure of the fin caused by application of the rudder which exceeded the operating limits]

Tuesday 19th January 1971 [BJ][AIR 27/3081][CJ]

XS597		Andover C.1	46 Sqn	'RRR1763' F/L Meinke
Routed: Thorney Island-Valley-Speke-Northolt-Thorney Island.				
[XT771]	M:CU	Wessex HU.5	[707 NAS]	
[XT479]	X:CU	Wessex HU.5	[707 NAS]	
[XT481]	Z:CU	Wessex HU.5	[707 NAS]	

Wednesday 20th January 1971 [CJ]

WJ918	[N-F]	Varsity T.1	[RAFFC]	
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Friday 22nd January 1971 [BJ][AIR 27/3291][CJ][MB]

G-AVTS	-	PA-23 Aztec 250C	Bristol AT	From Dublin to Speke
XV746	[J]	Harrier GR.1	1 Sqn	Emergency landing, see below
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XP361	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Moyes
Diverted from a training flight for a Harrier precautionary, aircraft landed safely.				
XP361	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Moyes
CASEVAC from Bangor Hospital to Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital. [N Monaghan, 19yrs old from Stevenage]				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP534:15 4 FTS [F/L Binney] returned from Bitteswell, see 26.6.70				

Saturday 23rd January 1971 [AIR 27/3081]

XS608		Andover C.1	46 Sqn	'RRR4902' F/O Gilson
Routed: Thorney Island-Leuchars-Valley-Thorney Island.				

Monday 25th January 1971 [Pprune QWIN*][Minnie Burner][seavixen.org][CJ]

XV218	218	Hercules C.1	30/47 Sqn	
XT607	AP	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XT459	N:B	Wessex HU.5	848 NAS	[or XT759]
XS489	U:B	Wessex HU.5	848 NAS	
XS492	Y:B	Wessex HU.5	848 NAS	
Mountain Flying Detachment.				
VP978	[-]	Devon C.2	[26 Sqn]	
XJ322	[-]	Sea Devon	[781 NAS]	
XV667	145:E	Sea King HAS.1	826 NAS	Sea Vixen crew back to HMS Eagle.
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XN657	123:E	Sea Vixen FAW.2	899 NAS	From HMS Eagle

Sea Vixen made an emergency landing at RAF Valley after a diversion from HMS Eagle which was on its last day of the work up in UK waters before heading to the Mediterranean. On recovery to HMS Eagle the windscreen of the Sea Vixen was covered in salt reducing drastically the forward visibility on final approach to the Carrier. After 2 missed approaches on the 3rd the aircraft veered to the right and the right wing hit a Gannet, Buccaneer & 2 Sea Vixens causing extensive damage. The Observer nearly ejected but the aircraft climbed away from the Carrier and proceeded to divert to Valley. As they raised the gear the aircraft rolled uncontrollably so the gear was lowered again, and the aircraft continued to Valley. The landing there was uneventful, but the Crew were admonished for not declaring an emergency. The last 8 feet of wing was missing, and the aileron was hanging down. The Crew were eventually flown back to the ship by helicopter. 22 Sqn Whirlwind HAR.10 XP361 'RESCUE22' [F/O Haqui] remained airborne until the Sea Vixen had landed. The aircraft was later removed by road. It was next noted at NASU [Naval Aircraft Support Unit] Yeovilton on 25.2.71. It returned to service and eventually found its way to Llanbedr 19.4.73 as part of the drone programme. The pilot was sadly killed later during the Falklands War in Sea Harrier FRS.1 XZ452:007 801 NAS on 6.5.82. The Observer is also quoted as S/Lt B M Clark. [HMS Eagle's complement was:

800 NAS Buccaneer S.2 XT277:101:E XV356:104:E XN982:110:E XV360:111:E XV355:112:E XV341:113:E XT278:114:E XV336:115:E

826 NAS Sea King HAS.1 XV663:141:E

849 D Flt Gannet AEW.3 XL471:070:E XL481:071:E XL480:072:E XL479:073:E plus COD.4 XA430:074:E

899 NAS Sea Vixen FAW.2 XP918:122:E XN657:123:E XN684:124:E XJ578:125:E XN649:126:E XP922:132:E XS583:133:E XJ610:134:E XJ608:135:E XS577:137:E

SAR Flight Wessex HAS.1 XS888:147:E XS877:265:E]

Pilot	Lt	J [E] Eyton-Jones	Ok
Obs	[F/L]	A M Martin [RAF]	Ok, RAF Exchange Officer

Tuesday 26th January 1971 [AIR 27/3291][CJ]

XV665	143:E	Sea King HAS.1	826 NAS	
XV667	145:E	Sea King HAS.1	826 NAS	
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XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/O Haqui
Hunter aircraft precautionary with nosewheel problems, landed safely.				

Wednesday 27th January 1971 [AIR 27/3291][CJ]

[XW320]	36	JP T.5	[3 FTS]	
Exercise with Beaumaris Lifeboat.				
XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Haqui
2 men in a boat at OS 106/470640 requiring assistance, on arrival nothing seen. Recalled after 10mins as they were both now safe.				
Based noted: Whirlwind HAR.10 22 Sqn exercise with Beaumaris Lifeboat.				

Thursday 28th January 1971 [Pprune Bill Macgillivray logbook*][CJ]

XM598	-	Vulcan B.2*	101 Sqn	PD from Waddington
XP758	S	Lightning F.3	111 Sqn	
WL689	N	Varsity T.1	6 FTS	
Delivery for eventual use on the Fire Dump.				
G-ATCA	-	Wessex 60	Bristows	

Friday 29th January 1971 [BJ][AIR 27/3291][CJ]

XS776		Basset CC.1	[26 Sqn]	
WF425	[-]	Varsity T.1	RAE	
WJ567	N	Canberra	[85 Sqn]	From Binbrook
XH175		Canberra PR.9	[39 Sqn]	
G-AVTS	-	PA-23 Aztec 250C	Private	Dublin-Speke, Bristol Air Taxis
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XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Warton
Search for man overboard from the MV Hibernia at 284deg/16.5nms from Skerries Lighthouse. After 15mins a naked man was seen and airlifted with CPR administered enroute SMC Valley. Pronounced dead on arrival at Valley.				

Sunday 31st January 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XP361	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Warton
3 missing climbers near Pen-y-Gwryd, flew to OS 116/621165 to pick up 4 members of the Valley MRT, on arriving back at Pen-y-Gwryd informed that the climbers had been found.				

February 1971 [AIR 29/4199]

Station Flight handled 240 visitors including 3 VIP's.				
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February 1971 [AIR 29/4199]

		?x Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	Mountain Flying Detachment
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Monday 1st February 1971 [AIR 27/3291][MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR953:29 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 3.2 Whirlwind HAR.10 XP346 from St Mawgan. Whirlwind HAR.10 XP361 to St Mawgan. C Flt/22 Sqn aircraft changeover.				

Tuesday 2nd February 1971 [CJ][MB]

[XP560]	75	JP T.4	RAFFC	
[XP555]	70	JP T.4	RAFFC	
XR707	95	JP T.4	RAFFC	
G-AXRL	-	PA-28 Cherokee	Private	
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP502:02 4 FTS repairs complete, back to 4 FTS see 29.10.70				

Wednesday 3rd February 1971 [CJ]

WV382	[830]	Hunter GA.11	[FRADU]	
G-ASOH	-	Beech Baron	Private	

Friday 5th February 1971 [BJ][DF]

G-AVTS	-	PA-23 Aztec 250C	Private	From Speke, Bristol Air Taxis
WD790	-	Meteor NF.11/12	RRE	From & to Pershore.

Tuesday 9th February 1971 [CJ]

XP413	413	Argosy C.1	115 Sqn	
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Wednesday 10th February 1971 [BJ][CJ]

G-AVTS	-	PA-23 Aztec 250C	Private	Speke-Dublin, Bristol Air Taxis
WT804	[831]	Hunter GA.11	[FRADU]	
XE716	[834]	Hunter GA.11	[FRADU]	
XM706	D	Gnat T.1	CFS	
31+04	-	G.91R-3	[WS-50]	WGAF
32+32	-	G.91R-3	[WS-50]	WGAF

Sunday 14th February 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Moyes
Diverted from a training flight to a fallen climber at OS 107/612554. Helicopter flew to Pen-y-Pass to offload the Winchman and pick up MRT members who were flown to OS 107/616554, the aircraft then returned to pick up the Winchman and flew back to Valley to refuel. On return informed that the climber had died, flight unable to carry on due to severe turbulence in the mountains and returned to Valley again. [T Stevenson-Coppin, 15yrs old from Marlborough College]				

Monday 15th February 1971 [AIR 27/3291][MB]

XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Dainty
Hunter with a hydraulic precautionary, aircraft landed safely.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP532:32 4 FTS [F/L Phillips] returned from Bitteswell, see 17.7.70				

Tuesday 16th February 1971 [CJ]

EI-AUF	-	BN.2A Islander	Private	
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Wednesday 17th February 1971 [AIR 27/3291][CJ]

WK106	P	Canberra T.19	[85 Sqn]	From Binbrook
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XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Dainty
Fishing vessel reported sinking 20nms South of Isle of Man, recalled after 5mins airborne as another vessel had a line aboard.				

Friday 19th February 1971 [BJ][MB]

G-AVTS	-	PA-23 Aztec 250C	Private	Dublin-Speke, Bristol Air Taxis
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP537:07 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for repaint.				

Sunday 21st February 1971 [BJ]

G-ARUV	-	CP.301A Emeraude	Private	Speke then Woodvale
G-AWBD	-	PA-28 Cherokee	Private	Speke then Woodvale

Tuesday 23rd February 1971 [CJ]

WJ756	[6]	Canberra E.15	[98 Sqn]	[90 Signals Gp]
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Wednesday 24th February 1971 [DF]

WL679	[-]	Varsity T.1	RRE	From & to Pershore
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Thursday 25th February 1971 [AIR 27/3062][CJ][MB]

XV298	298	Hercules C.1	36 Sqn	Diversion F/L J R Woolfall
Diversion whilst enroute Nassau, Bahamas-Lyneham, landed 08:50 and departed to Lyneham 10:05. Part of Exercise 'Bitter Breath'				
		Beverley C.1		
G-AWOX	-	Wessex 60	Bristows	
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP500:50 4 FTS to HAS Bitteswell [F/L Colgan] for limited reconditioning.				

Friday 26th February 1971 [BJ][VAS]

G-AVTS	-	PA-23 Aztec 250C	Private	Dublin-Speke, Bristol Air Taxis
	LT	F-100F	494 TFS/48 TFW	PD on 14

Saturday 27th February 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Moyes
Girl climber who had fallen 150ft by Llyn Glaslyn [OS 107/621546, after 10mins airborne advised to return as the girl had been picked up.				

March 1971 [AIR 29/4199]

Station Flight handled 251 visitors including 2 VIP's.				
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March 1971 [AIR 29/4199]

		?x Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	Mountain Flying Detachment
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March 1971 [AIR 29/4199]

		?x [Wasp HAS.1]	829 NAS	Mountain Flying Detachment
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March 1971 [AIR 29/4199]

[XP532]		Gnat T.1	4 FTS	
Landed with one undercarriage leg unlocked following a hydraulic failure. XP532 was Cat.3 on 15.3.71 – same aircraft ?				

Tuesday 2nd March 1971 [AIR 2/18625][CJ]

Permission given for Humber Airways to operate 4 flights to and from Dublin on 2/9/16/23.3 – did they happen? The flight was due from Leconfield 1.3 and after flying to Dublin on 2.3 would return to Leconfield on 2.3				
	-	?	Private	To & from Dublin, Humber Airways
156175	HL13	EC-130Q	VQ-4	US Navy
[XS887]	[4]03:FF	Wessex [HAS.3]	829 NAS	

Wednesday 3rd March 1971 [BJ][AIR 29/4221][MB]

G-AVTS	-	PA-23 Aztec 250C	Private	From & to Speke, Bristol Air Taxis
XJ481	[-]	Sea Vixen FAW.1	22 JSTU	Lt Sharman & S/L O'Shea
From and to Boscombe Down. Ship acquisition trial for forthcoming Martel missile trials.				
XA936	-	Victor K.1	214 Sqn	Weather diversion from Marham
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP514:14 4 FTS transferred to BSE Filton for high altitude engine relight trials.				

Thursday 4th March 1971 [AIR 27/3364]

XA936	-	Victor K.1	214 Sqn	To Marham, see 3.3
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Friday 5th March 1971 [BJ]

G-AVTS	-	PA-23 Aztec 250C	Private	Dublin-Speke, Bristol Air Taxis
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Monday 8th March 1971 [DF][CJ]

WK163	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	
From and to Pershore, Blowpipe missile trials at TERA, Ty Croes.				
[XV398]		Buccaneer S.2	[12 Sqn]	[most probably XV338]
XN978		Buccaneer S.2	12 Sqn	
XS783		Basset CC.1	[26 Sqn]	
VP953		Devon C.2	[26 Sqn]	
G-AXRM	-	BN.2A Islander	Private	

Tuesday 9th March 1971 [DF][AIR 18625]

WK163	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	
From and to Pershore, Blowpipe missile trials at TERA, Ty Croes.				
	-	?	Private	Humber Airways, see 2.3
To and from Dublin.				

Wednesday 10th March 1971 [DF][CJ]

WK163	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	
From and to Pershore, Blowpipe missile trials with TERA, Ty Croes.				
XP557	72	JP T.4	[RAFC]	
XE707	[833]	Hunter GA.11	[FRADU]	

Thursday 11th March 1971 [DF][CJ][MB]

XH567	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	
From and to Pershore, Blowpipe missile trials at TERA, Ty Croes.				
XV432	N	Phantom FGR.2	6 Sqn	
XN855	855	Argosy C.1	115 Sqn	
XW308	67	JP T.5	1 FTS	
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP502:02 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for repaint. Gnat T.1 XP537:07 4 FTS returned from 5 MU Kemble, see 19.2.71				

Friday 12th March 1971 [BJ][DF]

G-AVTS	-	PA-23 Aztec 250C	Private	Dublin-Speke, Bristol Air Taxis
WK163	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	
From and to Pershore, Blowpipe missile trials at TERA, Ty Croes.				

Monday 15th March 1971 [DF][AIR 27/3043][AIR 27/3056][CJ][MB]

WK163	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	
From and to Pershore, Blowpipe missile trials at TERA, Ty Croes.				
XV306	306	Hercules C.1	24 Sqn	F/L I H Nelson
Routed: Lyneham-Valley-Bardufoss, Norway-Lyneham.				
XS765	-	Basset CC.1	32 Sqn	'RRR5224' S/L Lockhart
From and to Northolt.				
XS767		Basset CC.1	[26 Sqn]	
XV320	B	Sioux HT.2	CFS	
XV318	V	Sioux HT.2	CFS	
		Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	
		Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	
		Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	
		Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP532:32 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3[prov] then re-assessed as CAT.4R on 16.3 [XP532 was then allotted to Bitteswell for repair on 27.4 arriving by road 9.6]				

Tuesday 16th March 1971 [DF][AIR 29/4199][AIR 27/3018][AIR 2/18625][CJ]

*Scrambled from Leuchars to Aberporth Range. *1x missile fired, landed at Valley.				
XS919	C	Lightning F.6*	11 Sqn	STCAAME F/L McKnight

WK163	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	
From and to Pershore, Blowpipe missile trials at TERA, Ty Croes				
	-	?	Private	Humber Airways, see 2.3
To & from Dublin.				
[XV324]	X	Sioux HT.2	CFS	

Wednesday 17th March 1971 [AIR 29/4199][AIR 27/3018][CJ]

*Scrambled from Leuchars to Aberporth Range. *1x missile fired, landed at Valley.				
XS919	C	Lightning F.6*	11 Sqn	STCAAME S/L Taylor
XS904	A	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	
XR724	M	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	
WJ728		Canberra B.2	[231 OCU]	

Thursday 18th March 1971 [BJ][DF][MB]

G-AXDL	-	PA-30 Comanche	NEA	From Speke
G-AWIY	-	PA-23 Aztec 250C	NEA	From & to Speke
WK163	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	
From and to Pershore, Blowpipe missile trials at TERA, Ty Croes.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR953:29 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 1.2.71				

Friday 19th March 1971 [BAR 71/04][AIR 27/3056]

XS774	-	Basset CC.1	32 Sqn	'RRR5220' S/L Wickham
Routed: Northolt-Valley-Bedford-Northolt.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP530:64 4 FTS Boscombe Down Airshow, static.				

Sunday 21st March 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Dainty
Possible report of an aircraft crash in the Dee Estuary, on arrival, 5 boys were spotted on the bank at OS 108/225755. Winchman was lowered and spoke to the person [P Cudgen] who had originated the report and indicated the possible direction of the aircraft. After a search, nothing was found, and the aircraft returned to Valley.				

Monday 22nd March 1971 [Ian Hartley logbook*][DF][AIR 29/4199][AIR 27/3041][CJ][MB]

*Scrambled from Leuchars to Aberporth Range. *1x Red Top fired. *Land Valley and departed later back to Leuchars.				
XR765	A	Lightning F.6*	23 Sqn	STCAAME F/L I G Hartley
WK163	-	Canberra B.2	RRE	
From and to Pershore, Blowpipe missile trials at TERA, Ty Croes.				
XT478	V:CU	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
Based noted:				

Gnat T.1 XS105:60 4 FTS [F/L Coker] to Bitteswell for limited overhaul.
[post overhaul XS105 went to CFS as 'C']

Tuesday 23rd March 1971 [AIR 2/18625][AIR 27/3052][CJ]

	-	?	Private	Humber Airways, see 2.3
To and from Dublin.				
XV218	218	Hercules C.1	30 Sqn	'RRR3874' F/L Horsley
Routed: Lyneham-Leuchars-Valley-Lyneham.				
Based noted: Whirlwind HAR.10 22 Sqn. XP346 XP349				

Last week March 1971 [AIR 29/4199]

Based noted: [?x Gnat T.1] 4 FTS exchange visit to RDAF Skrydstrup, Denmark.				

Wednesday 24th March 1971 [AIR 29/4199][AIR 27/3018][CJ]

11 Sqn arrived from Leuchars for their MPC. 11 Sqn MPC 24.3-2.4, 5 Firebreaks fired. Supposed to be a 2 week detachment but finished after 1 week.				
XR723	L	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XS904	A	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XS934	K	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XS919	C	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XS932	H	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XS416	T	Lightning T.5	11 Sqn	MPC
XS110	L	Gnat T.1	CFS	
[XR980]	H	Gnat T.1	CFS	

Thursday 25th March 1971 [MC 5/71][MB]

G-AWOX	-	Wessex 60	Bristow	From East Midlands
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR951:26 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 30.11.70				

Friday 26th March 1971 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP502:02 4 FTS returned from 5 MU, see 11.3.71				

Saturday 27th March 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Moyes
Search for a farmer missing since 16:00 26.3, helicopter landed at Garndolbenmaen to pick up additional information. Area search carried out from OS 107/500450-480480-520510-				

540500-520450-500450. Nothing seen and the aircraft returned to Valley. Later informed that the body of the Farmer had been found at Moelfre Quarry, Cwm Pennant.

Sunday 28th March 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise with 208 Sqn Royal Army Medical Corps Territorial Unit near South Stack, involved airlifting dummy casualties to a Field Hospital.				
XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Webb
Fallen climber at OS 107/645590, stretchered and flown to Bangor Hospital suffering from head injury and a fractured femur. [J Brittain from London]				

Monday 29th March 1971 [CJ]

10577	AH-F	F-5A	332 Skv	R Norwegian AF [65-10577]
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Tuesday 30th March 1971 [AIR 27/3018][CJ]

11 Sqn MPC 1x Firestreak fired [XR723:L][F/O Penswick] 1x Firestreak fired [XS904:A][S/L Cluer] 1x Firestreak fired [XS934:K][F/L Lawrance]				
XG194	A	Hunter FGA.9	229 OCU	

Wednesday 31st March 1971 [BJ][AIR 27/3018][AIR 27/3291][CJ]

11 Sqn MPC 1x Firestreak fired [XS919:C][F/L Shimmons] 1x Firestreak fired [XS932:H][F/L Wild]				
XV107	107	VC-10 C.1	10 Sqn	
XT418	501	Wasp HAS.1	829 NAS	
[XL496]	765:LM	Gannet AEW.3	849 NAS	
XV315	W	Sioux HT.2	CFS	
G-AVTS	-	PA-23 Aztec 250C	Private	From & to Speke, Bristol Air Taxis
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XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/O Haqui
Fallen climber at OS 107/608552, helicopter could only fly to within .5nm of the fall and eventually returned to Valley where the aircraft was swapped for XP349 and returned to the scene but still unable to fly direct due to the cloud base. Eventually aircraft returned to Valley after the casualty had been taken to Bangor Hospital. It would appear that XP346 was also involved later as 'RESCUE23' as both aircraft returned to Valley.				

April 1971 [AIR 29/4199][AIR 2/18625]

Station Flight handled ? visitors including ? VIP's. A letter was received from Cambrian Airways in April 1971 regarding using Valley for training flights, did anything come of this? At the time Cambrian operated Viscounts & BAC-1-11's.				
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Sunday 1st April 1971 [CJ]

XR763	B	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	
XT442	432	Wasp HAS.1	829 NAS	[or XS534 ?]
XV311	K	Sioux HT.2	CFS	

Friday 2nd April 1971 [AIR 27/3291][AIR 27/3081]

11 Sqn departed back to Leuchars post their MPC.				
XR723	L	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Leuchars
XS904	A	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Leuchars
XS934	K	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Leuchars
XS919	C	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Leuchars
XS932	H	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Leuchars
XS416	T	Lightning T.5	11 Sqn	To Leuchars
XS610		Andover C.1	46 Sqn	'RRR4947' F/O Cross
Routed: Thorney Island-Chivenor-St Mawgan-Valley-Thorney Island.				
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XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Warton
Missing boy at OS 127/818914, 2 MRT members flown to the scene and contact made with Machynlleth Police. After refuelling at Llanbedr more Valley MRT members were flown to the scene plus 2 civilians with search dogs. Area thoroughly searched but nothing seen and after a further refuelling at Llanbedr the helicopter returned to Valley.				
XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE23' F/L Dainty
Flew a National Park Warden, Mr E Roberts plus dogs to the same scene as 'RESCUE22' above, offloaded and the helicopter returned to Valley.				

Saturday 3rd April 1971 [AIR 27/3043][AIR 27/3291]

XV191	191	Hercules C.1	24 Sqn	F/O M Arthur
Routed: Lyneham-Valley-Leuchars-Lyneham, return of 11 Sqn MPC support.				
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XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Warton
Injured boy climber at OS 107/655595, stretchered and flown with his mother to Bangor Hospital. [A Birkenhead, 8yrs old from Frodsham]				

Sunday 4th April 1971 [AIR 27/3081][CJ]

WP870		Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	
WD390		Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	
WP780		Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	
WD289		Chipmunk T.10	Wales UAS	[or Liverpool UAS]
None of the above Chipmunks served with Wales UAS so different Unit or on loan ?				
XS604		Andover C.1	46 Sqn	'RRR4948' F/L Johnson
Routed: Thorney Island-St Mawgan-Valley-St Mawgan-Thorney Island.				

Monday 5th April 1971 [CJ]

WL755	L	Shackleton MR.2	204 Sqn	
XL448	-	Vulcan B.2		

Tuesday 6th April 1971 [CJ]

XS110	L	Gnat T.1	CFS	
XM706	D	Gnat T.1	CFS	
XS771		Basset CC.1	[26 Sqn]	
XS773		Basset CC.1	[26 Sqn]	
201	-	DH Dove 8A		Irish Air Corps
XL471	070:E	Gannet AEW.3	849 NAS	
XL481	071:E	Gannet AEW.3	849 NAS	
XL480	072:E	Gannet AEW.3	849 NAS	
XP226	073:E	Gannet AEW.3	849 NAS	
XA430	074:E	Gannet COD.4	849 NAS	

Wednesday 7th April 1971 [MB]

Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL591:82 4 FTS visited Kemble, G/C visiting G Site.				

Friday 9th April 1971 [MC 5/71]

G-AJIY	-	Auster J/1 Autocrat	Private	From Coventry
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Monday 12th April 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Warton
Diverted from a training flight to airlift a swimmer with spinal injuries from Porthdinllaen [OS 115/279418] casualty and his fiancée flown to Bangor Hospital. [David Warwick from Preston and Sarah Chapman]				

Tuesday 13th April 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Dainty
MEDEVAC 2 children suffering from sea immersion and exposure from OS 115/312285 to Bangor Hospital with their Mother accompanying. [Janice Wendy, 6yrs old & Christina Karen, 2.5yrs old with Mrs Peters]				

Friday 16th April 1971 [Pprune MAINJAVAD][AIR 29/4199][AIR 27/3075][MB]

43 Sqn arrived from Leuchars for their MPC. 43 Sqn MPC 18-23.4, 4x AIM-9 missiles fired, 1 st AIM-9 MPC.				
		?x Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR569:08 returned from Bitteswell [S/L Stark] see 24.9.70				

Tuesday 20th April 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE23' F/L Webb
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Boat swept out to sea at Caernarfon, on arrival the man in the boat was making his own way ashore and no assistance required.

Thursday 22nd April 1971 [DF]

XV651		Sea King HAS.1	RSRE	
From Pershore, Rapier missile trials at TERA, Ty Croes.				

Saturday 24th April 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Webb
Fallen climber at OS 107/645550, helicopter unable to get closer than 107/645558 due to low cloud. After talking to the MRT the helicopter routed to Beddgelert Valley [OS 107/655540] as the casualty was too severely injured to be moved over bad terrain to the first position. Casualty eventually picked up from OS 107/645542 and flown to Bangor Hospital. However, pronounced dead at the Hospital.				

Monday 26th April 1971 [DF]

XT661	-	Viscount	RRE	From & to Pershore.
XV651		Sea King HAS.1	RSRE	To Pershore, see 22.4

Wednesday 28th April 1971 [DF]

XV651		Sea King HAS.1	RSRE	
From and to Pershore, Rapier missile trials at TERA, Ty Croes.				

Thursday 29th April 1971 [BJ][MB]

G-AVTS	-	PA-23 Aztec 250C	Private	Dublin-Speke, Bristol Air Taxis
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP514:14 returned from Filton, see 3.3.71 [it was also delivered to CFS same day]				

Saturday 30th April 1971 [GP]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR569:08 XR574:24 XR955:43 4 FTS all visited Wattisham.				

May 1971 [AIR 29/4199]

Station Flight handled 365 visitors including 17 VIP's.				
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Saturday 1st May 1971 [BJ]

WD289		Chipmunk T.10	LUAS	From Speke, Liverpool UAS
WD365		Chipmunk T.10	LUAS	From Speke
WK555	D	Chipmunk T.10	LUAS	From Speke
WP797	B	Chipmunk T.10	LUAS	From Speke

Based noted: Hunter F.6 XF509:73 4 FTS Speke Airshow. Gnat T.1 XP534:15 4 FTS Speke Airshow.				
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Monday 3rd May 1971 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR541:34 4 FTS [F/L Coker] to Bitteswell for overhaul.				

Tuesday 4th May 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Dainty
Gnat precautionary with nosewheel problems, landed safely.				

Wednesday 5th May 1971 [BJ][AIR 29/4199][AIR 27/3291][MB]

G-ASHW	-	DH.104 Dove 8	Private	From Speke, Scottish Avn
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XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Dainty
Gnat precautionary with a port mainwheel 'red,' landed safely.				
XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
13yr old clinging to cliffs on Little Orme, eventually winched off safely.				
XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Moyes
Attended a Wessex which had force landed with hydraulic problems in a field near Porthmadog [OS 116/665409], no assistance required.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP504:40 [F/L Coker] returned from Bitteswell, see 15.10.71				

Thursday 6th May 1971 [DF]

XT661	-	Viscount	RRE	
From and to Pershore, Rapier missile trials at TERA, Ty Croes.				

Friday 7th May 1971 [DF]

XT661	-	Viscount	RRE	
From and to Pershore, Rapier missile trials at TERA, Ty Croes.				

Sunday 9th May 1971 [AIR 29/4199][AIR 27/3266][AIR 27/3291]

5 Sqn arrived from Binbrook for their MPC. 5 Sqn MPC 9-14.5, 5 Firestreak missiles fired, completed MPC in 6 days.				
		Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC

		Lightning F.1	5 Sqn	MPC
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XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/O Haqui
Capsized boat reported by Porthdinllaen Coastguard, recalled before arrival on scene as the occupants of the boat had been rescued by Lifeboat.				

Monday 10th May 1971 [AIR 27/3266][AIR 27/3291][AIR 27/3150]

5 Sqn MPC no range slots due to bad weather.				
XR106	106	Argosy C.1	114 Sqn	'RRR4581' F/L Mustard
Routed: Benson-Binbrook-Valley-Benson, 5 Sqn MPC support.				
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XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Dainty
Assistance for a girl at OS 107/708728 with a civilian Doctor in attendance, both airlifted and flown to an ambulance 1nm away, girl was confirmed dead though. Helicopter returned to Valley.				

Wednesday 12th May 1971 [AIR 27/3266][AIR 27/3291]

5 Sqn MPC				
4x missiles fired. [4x F.6]				
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise with Holyhead Lifeboat.				

Thursday 13th May 1971 [DF][AIR 27/3291][AIR 27/3291]

XV651		Sea King HAS.1	RSRE	
From and to Pershore, Rapier missile trials at TERA, Ty Croes.				
		Canberra		See below
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise with Moelfre Lifeboat.				
XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/O Haqui
Canberra aircraft with an 'unsafe' ejection seat, landed safely.				

Friday 14th May 1971 [AIR 27/3266][AIR 27/3291]

5 Sqn MPC				
1x missile fired.				
5 Sqn departed back to Binbrook post their MPC.				
		?x Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	To Binbrook
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XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Webb
Report of an aircraft crash at OS 116/780250, area searched but nothing seen.				

Saturday 15th May 1971 [AIR 27/3043][AIR 27/3077]

XV293	293	Hercules C.1	24 Sqn	F/L K J Warboys from Lossiemouth
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XH558	-	Vulcan B.2	44 Sqn	S/L C R Lamont
From Goose Bay, Canada at 00:24, departed to Waddington later at 08:39.				

Sunday 16th May 1971 [AIR 27/3043]

XV293	293	Hercules C.1	24 Sqn	To St Mawgan, see 15.5
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Monday 17th May 1971 [AIR 29/4199][AIR 27/3291]

XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Dainty
Person reported in the water at OS 115/430570, nothing seen.				
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XL622	81	Hunter T.7	4 FTS	
Flew into Craig Blaen y Cwm, Cwm Penmachno due to a tailwind at low level. Whirlwind HAR.10 XJ429 22 Sqn 'RESCUE22' [F/L Dainty] and the Valley MRT also attended the scene. The 22 Sqn ORB has no further details apart from the fact that the details were 'Secret'.				
	F/L	John Vincent Loftus	Killed	
	F/L	John Anthony Duckworth	Killed	



[Chris Jones]

Tuesday 18th May 1971 [MB]

Based noted:				
Gnat T.1 XP504:04 4 FTS birdstrike assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 20.5				
Gnat T.1 XR537:37 4 FTS birdstrike assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 20.5				

Wednesday 19th May 1971 [AB Digest71]

G-AHLI	-	Auster III	Private	From Baginton [Coventry]
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Thursday 20th May 1971 [AIR 27/3150]

XN854	854	Argosy C.1	114 Sqn	'RRR4424' F/L McLaughlin
Routed: St Mawgan-Valley-Leuchars-Turnhouse-Valley, N/stop.				

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Friday 21st May 1971 [AIR 27/3150][MB]

XN854	854	Argosy C.1	114 Sqn	To Benson, see 20.5
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR544:35 4 FTS [F/O Smith] to Bitteswell for overhaul. [post overhaul it went to CFS as 'B']				

Saturday 22nd May 1971 [BAR 71/06]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP503:03 XP540:40 4 FTS Mildenhall Air Show.				

Monday 24th May 1971 [AIR 27/3128]

54 Sqn conducted a AIM-7 Sparrow firing trial 24-28.5 [from Coningsby direct or Valley ?] 2 AIM-7 Sparrows launched from Phantom FGR.2				

Tuesday 25th May 1971 [BJ][AIR 27/3291][MB]

G-AVTS	-	PA-23 Aztec 250C	Private	Bristol Air Taxis
From and to Speke then to Lyneham.				
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise with 1113 MCU in Holyhead Harbour as part of the AOC's Inspection.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR538:01 [F/L Coker] returned from Bitteswell, see 5.11.70				

Thursday 27th May 1971 [AIR 29/4199][AIR 27/3291]

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AOC 23 Group visited, flown by Whirlwind HAR.10 CFS[H] to Mona.				
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XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Warton
Man, who had fallen down a cliff in the Isle of Man [OS 87/185697], recalled after 13mins as the man had been pronounced dead.				
XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Warton
Girl stranded on Glaslyn [OS 107/614546], Mr J Ellis Roberts [MRT] flown to just below the cloudbase and offloaded, helicopter then flew to Pen-y-Gwryd and shutdown awaiting further information. Informed girl was safe, helicopter returned to Valley.				

Friday 28th May 1971 [MB]

Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL621 delivered to 4 FTS becoming '81'				

Monday 31st May 1971 [BAR 71/06][AIR 27/3291]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Dainty
Fallen climber at OS 107/615550, casualty stretchered and flown to Bangor Hospital.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP540:40 4 FTS Church Fenton Air Show, static.				

June 1971 [AIR 29/4199]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
RN seaman CASEVAC from HMS Bulwark to Bangor Hospital and later to Liverpool.				

June 1971 [AIR 29/4199]

		Lightning	[19 Sqn]	
Barrier engagement due to brake chute failure on landing, see 2.6.				

June 1971 [AIR 29/4199]

		?x Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	Mountain Flying Detachment.
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June 1971 [BAG]

Based noted: Whirlwind HAR.10 C Flight/22 Sqn XJ429 XP349				
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Tuesday 1st June 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Warton
Fallen climber on Tryfan [OS 107/665595], on arrival found uninjured.				

Wednesday 2nd June 1971 [AIR 29/4199][AIR 27/3036][AIR 27/3291][AIR 27/3081][MB]

19 Sqn arrived from Gutersloh for their MPC Operation 'Hunters Moon'				
19 Sqn MPC 2-17.6, 5 Firestreak missiles fired, finished 2 days ahead of schedule.				
4 missiles were prepositioned by 19 Sqn aircraft before the MPC.				
As a result of this MPC 19 Sqn were awarded the Aberporth Trophy for 1971.				
5 aircraft diverted to Warton en-route and 2 aircraft sustained damage on take-off to Valley.				
2 engine changes carried out as result of the above damage.				
10 additional sorties flown from Gutersloh to Valley carrying spares.				
[XN724]	[F]	Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	MPC [F/L Mawhinney]
[XN726]	[D]	Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	MPC [F/L Hanlon]
[XN781]	[B]	Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	MPC [F/L Brown]
[XN789]	[J]	Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	MPC [F/O Kelly]
		Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	MPC [F/O Botham]
		Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	MPC
XS609		Andover C.1	46 Sqn	'RRR4830' F/L Austin
Routed: Thorney Island-Gutersloh-Valley-Thorney Island. 19 Sqn MPC support.				
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XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Dainty
2 people cut off by the tide at OS 106/335680, airlifted from rocks and landed ashore.				
XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Dainty
Youth fallen off a cliff at OS 115/332435 and a second youth with a suspected hernia at OS 115/330425, after lowering the Winchman to the first youth the helicopter proceeded to pick up the second youth. Then returned to the first and flew to Bangor Hospital.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP542:42 [F/L Binney] returned from Bitteswell, see 7.12.70				

Thursday 3rd June 1971 [AIR 27/3216][AIR 27/3291]

XR368	368	Belfast C.1	53 Sqn	'RRR6975' F/L Poole
Routed: Gutersloh-Valley-Brize, 19 Sqn MPC support.				
		[Andover]		19 Sqn MPC support.
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XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Dainty
Report of a cabin cruiser with engine trouble at OS 107/640835, one occupant winched aboard and taken to Moelfre.				

Friday 4th June 1971 [AIR 27/3291][MB]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Dainty
Search for a 14yr old boy missing in Snowdonia for 20hrs. searched for 40mins but nothing seen. Boy later found dead after extensive search of area by a large number of people.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP516:16 repairs complete, returned to 4 FTS 11.6 – see 23.9.70				

Saturday 5th June 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Wet winching carried out at HMS Conway on the Menai Straits.				
XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Warton
Capsized dinghy at OS 106/496668, on arrival both occupants and dinghy had drifted ashore unharmed.				

Tuesday 8th June 1971 [AIR 27/3036]

19 Sqn MPC 1x missile fired [XN726:D][F/L Hanlon] 1x missile fired [XN781:B][F/O Botham]				

Wednesday 9th June 1971 [MC 7/71][AIR 29/4199]

XR628	B	Scout AH.1*	666 Sqn/AAC	From Staverton, see 12.6
XR629	C	Scout AH.1*	666 Sqn/AAC	From Staverton, see 12.6
*Mountain Flying Detachment with CFS[H]				

Thursday 10th June 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/L Dainty
Gnat precautionary with undercarriage malfunction, landed safely.				

Friday 11th June 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/L Moyes
Gnat with total hydraulic failure, landed safely.				

Saturday 12th June 1971 [BJ][AIR 29/4199][AIR 27/3291]

XR628	B	Scout AH.1	666 Sqn/AAC	'AAC535' to Speke then Bristol
XR629	C	Scout AH.1	666 Sqn/AAC	'AAC319' to Speke then Bristol
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XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'PEDRO22' F/L Moyes
Shackleton aircraft searching for missing Cherokee Arrow [G-AWIU] reported sighting wreckage in the sea 25nms West of Valley. Helicopter scrambled to scene but on close inspection it was not the case. Whilst returning to Valley informed by ATC that the wreckage of an aircraft had been located at Dolgarrog [OS 107/770694], after refuelling the helicopter proceeded to OS 107/743773. The light aircraft appeared to have impacted the ground at a shallow angle, pieces were spread over an area of 200yds with the pilot still inside the burnt wreckage. The MRT arrived a few minutes after the helicopter and started removing the body from the wreckage, due to the low cloudbase the helicopter returned to Valley.				

Monday 14th June 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Emergency landing in a field 7nms North of Valley due to loss of Main Rotor Gearbox oil pressure.				
XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22'
Aircraft with engine vibration, landed safely. No mention if it was XP349.				

Tuesday 15th June 1971 [AIR 27/3036][MB]

19 Sqn MPC				
1x missile fired [XN724:F][F/L Mawhinney]				
1x missile fired [XN789:J][F/L Brown]				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR572:19 4 FTS to Bitteswell [F/L Crogan] for overhaul.				

Wednesday 16th June 1971 [AIR 27/3036][AIR 27/3291]

19 Sqn MPC				
1x missile fired [XN781:B][F/O Botham]				
		Wessex [HU.5]		From HMS Bulwark, see below
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XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Warton
Naval patient flown by FAA Wessex from HMS Bulwark to Valley then transferred to the				

Whirlwind and flown to Bangor Hospital.

[REM/A J E Hayes L/098402]

Thursday 17th June 1971 [MC 7/71][AIR 27/3036][AIR 27/3291][AIR 27/3073]

19 Sqn departed back to Gutersloh post their MPC.				
[XN724]	[F]	Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	To Gutersloh
[XN781]	[B]	Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	To Gutersloh
[XN789]	[J]	Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	To Gutersloh
		Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	To Gutersloh
		Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	To Gutersloh
		Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	To Gutersloh
XV233	33	Nimrod MR.1	42 Sqn	PD F/L Ainger
G-AWOX	-	Wessex 60	Bristows	From East Midlands
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XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Warton
MEDEVAC from Bangor Hospital to Walton Hospital, same Naval patient as 16.6				

Saturday 19th June 1971 [AIR 29/4199][@MAR 04/17][AIR 27/3132][AIR 27/3291]

92 Sqn arrived from Gutersloh for their MPC.				
92 Sqn MPC 19-30.6, 5 missiles fired, finished 1 day ahead of schedule.				
		Lightning F.2A	92 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.2A	92 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.2A	92 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.2A	92 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.2A	92 Sqn	MPC
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XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Webb
Elderly woman reported to have fallen and broken her ankle, helicopter flew to OS 107/569529 where a guide was waiting to indicate the position of the casualty. Winchman dropped off at OS 107/522594 which was the closest the helicopter could get due to the cloud base. Helicopter then flew to Rhyd Ddu and uplifted the Snowdonia National Park Warden, Mr Ellis Roberts to join the ground party search. An attempt was made to retrieve the Winchman and SMO but was thwarted by the cloud base, with darkness approaching the helicopter returned to Valley. The Winchman and SMO returned by road with the MRT.				
Based noted: Hunter F.6 XF527:70 4 FTS Upper Heyford Air Day, flying.				

Sunday 20th June 1971 [AIR 29/4199]

ROC Group Meeting at RAF Valley. Approx. 300 Members present. Also, a Static display of aircraft.				
		Britannia C.	99/511 Sqn	Air Experience flights

Tuesday 22nd June 1971 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR571:23 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing. Hunter T.7 XL566 delivered from 5 MU Kemble to 4 FTS becoming '86'				

Wednesday 23rd June 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Dainty
Gnat with control restriction, landed safely.				

Thursday 24th June 1971 [AIR 27/3132]

		?		
G/C Simpson, RAFG Operations visited and witnessed 2 missile firings from the backseat of a 4 FTS Gnat. Arrived in a ?				

Friday 25th June 1971 [AIR 27/3132]

		Lightning F.2A	92 Sqn	To Gutersloh F/L K G Ivell

Saturday 26th June 1971 [BAR 71/08]

Based noted: Both attended the Exeter Air Show. Gnat T.1 XP534:15 4 FTS Hunter F.6 XG185:74 4 FTS				

Sunday 27th June 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Warton
Scrambled to Pen-y-Pass Hotel and picked up Mr John Roberts who along with the SMO was winched to a casualty on the summit of Crib Goch, after 15mins uplifted the casualty and flew to Bangor Hospital. Refuelled at Llanberis before returning to Valley.				

Monday 28th June 1971 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP538:38 4 FTS [F/L Lee] returned from Bitteswell, see 22.12.70 [XP538 was delivered the same day to CFS becoming 'K' – did it go via Valley ?]				

Tuesday 29th June 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10*	22 Sqn	
		Shackleton*		
*Exercise 'Seascape' off the Isle of Man featuring the 2 aircraft plus Douglas and Port St Mary Lifeboats and the Ramsey Coastguard.				

July 1971 [AIR 29/4199]

Station Flight handled 328 visitors including 4 VIP's.				
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July 1971 [AIR 27/3313]

		2x Helos*	[NAS]	Mountain Flying Detachment
*From HMS Endurance. [Possibly Whirlwind HAR.9 XN311:448:ED & XN309:449:ED]				
		Puma HC.1**	33 Sqn	
		Puma HC.1**	33 Sqn	
**The Pumas were on a Mountain Flying Detachment, no specific dates in the Sqn ORB.				

Thursday 1st July 1971 [AIR 27/3132][AIR 27/3291][MB]

92 Sqn departed back to Gutersloh post their MPC.				
		Lightning F.2A	92 Sqn	To Gutersloh
		Lightning F.2A	92 Sqn	To Gutersloh
		Lightning F.2A	92 Sqn	To Gutersloh
		Lightning F.2A	92 Sqn	To Gutersloh
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XP349	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Webb
Gnat with a nosewheel 'red,' landed safely after 2 touch and goes.				
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL609:80 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing.				

Friday 2nd July 1971 [BJ][AIR 27/3132][AIR 27/3052][AIR 27/3062][MB]

G-ASHW	-	DH.104 Dove 8	Private	Speke-Prestwick, Scottish Avn
XV177	177	Hercules C.1*	36 Sqn	'RRR3626' F/L P Hill
XV193	193	Hercules C.1*	30 Sqn	'RRR193' F/L Farley
*Routed: Lyneham-Valley-Gutersloh, 92 Sqn MPC support return.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP514:14 from CFS to 4 FTS, see 29.4.71				

Saturday 3rd July 1971 [BAR 71/08][AIR 29/4199][AIR 27/3291]

XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Warton
Fallen walker reported near the summit of Snowdon [OS 107/602538], on arrival nothing seen. Then landed at Pen-y-Pass to obtain updated information, Mr J Roberts and dog picked up and flown to scene, still nothing seen so dropped him and his dog at his home and returned to Valley.				
The Chief Instructor led a formation of 8 Gnats & 4 Hunters at RAF Topcliffe's Open Day. Gnat T.1 4 FTS XR538:01 XR535:05 XR569:08 XR574:24 XP536:27 XR953:29 XP540:40 XS104:44 XR982:51 XS102:58 Hunter F.6 4 FTS XF527:70 XG185:74 plus 2 others.				

Tuesday 6th July 1971 [AIR 27/3081]

XS602		Andover C.1	46 Sqn	'RRR4957' F/L Miles
Routed: Thorney Island-Wattisham-Valley-Wattisham-Valley-Thorney Island.				

Wednesday 7th July 1971 [Paddy O'Flynn logbook*][AIR 29/4221][AIR 27/3132][AIR 27/3291][AIR 27/3082][MB]

XV177	177	Hercules C.1	47 Sqn	'RRR3476' S/L Fulford
Routed: Akrotiri-Valley-Lyneham, 56 Sqn MPC support, see 8.7				
XV472	[472]	Phantom FGR.2*	228 OCU	Low Level NAVEX
XJ481	[-]	Sea Vixen FAW.1	22 JSTU	F/L Stokes & S/L O'Shea
From and to Boscombe Down, airborne trainer reconnaissance route?				
XM995	[T]	Lightning T.4	92 Sqn	STCAAME W/C Stuart-Paul
Had dropped off F.2 XN769 at Warton before picking up XM995 and flying to Valley to pick up and return a War reserve missile back to Gutersloh.				
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XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Haqui
Gnat with engine vibration, landed safely.				
XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Haqui
Person supposedly stuck on a sand bank, on arrival found to be a false alarm.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR571:23 returned from Kemble, see 22.6.71 Gnat T.1 XR948:28 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing.				

Thursday 8th July 1971 [BJ][AIR 27/3091][MB]

G-AVTS	-	PA-23 Aztec 250C	Private	Bristol Air Taxis
From and to Speke then Lyneham.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR537:37 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 18.5.71				

Friday 9th July 1971 [AIR 29/4199][AIR 27/3092][AIR 27/3291]

56 Sqn arrived from Akrotiri for their MPC.				
56 Sqn MPC 9-26.7, 5 Firestreak missiles fired.				
A sixth aircraft diverted to Luqa, Malta with fuel problems.				
3 F.3's and a T.5 flew direct to Wattisham, although one of the F.3's diverted to Luqa.				
MPC delayed until 14.7 due to crosswinds at Llanbedr.				
On 20.7 56 Sqn were grounded so that STI 94/95 inspections could be carried out.				
		Lightning F.3	56 Sqn	MPC W/C Farrer
		Lightning F.3	56 Sqn	MPC F/L Rackman
		Lightning F.3	56 Sqn	MPC F/L Gordon-Johnson
		Lightning F.3	56 Sqn	MPC F/L Hampton
		Lightning F.3	56 Sqn	MPC F/O Willmer
XH649	-	Victor K.1A*	57 Sqn	From Marham F/L R J Russell

*Part of Exercise Panther Trail 'N44' which was 56 Sqn from Akrotiri to the UK. No mention of when it returned to Marham.				
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XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Haqui
ATC Cadet fallen on Snowdon, Winchman and SMO flown to a location where they then climbed up to the casualty who was pronounced dead, body stretchered and flown to Bangor Hospital. [Alexander Elliott Thompson, 14yrs old from Stranraer]				

Sunday 11th July 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Warton
Armourer taken to Porthmadog Beach where a large pyrotechnic had been found, declared inert on arrival.				

Monday 12th July 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Warton
Armourer taken to Porthmadog Beach [OS 116/550364] where another large pyrotechnic had been washed ashore, declared inert on arrival, see also 11.7				
XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Moyes
Fallen climber near Glaslyn Lake, on arrival the climber was sighted but pronounced dead. The Winchman and SMO stayed with the body whilst the helicopter flew to Pen-y-Pass to pick up a Policeman [Sgt D Roberts] and flew him to the body location. Body was then stretchered and flown back to Pen-y-Pass with the Policeman, helicopter then returned to pick up the SMO and Winchman before returning to Valley.				

Tuesday 13th July 1971 [MB]

Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL597 delivered to 4 FTS becoming '87'				

Wednesday 14th July 1971 [Pprune MAINJAVAD][AIR 27/3091]

56 Sqn MPC 1x missile fired [XP743:G] 2x missiles fired.				

Thursday 15th July 1971 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP513:13 4 FTS to 5 MU for surface finishing [repaint] Gnat T.1 XP534:15 4 FTS visited Kemble, taxi for crew of XP513:13				

Friday 16th July 1971 [BJ]

G-AXDL	-	Twin Comanche	NEA	From Speke
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Monday 19th July 1971 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR535:05 4 FTS assessed as CAT.4R it was sent by road to Bitteswell 18.8.71				

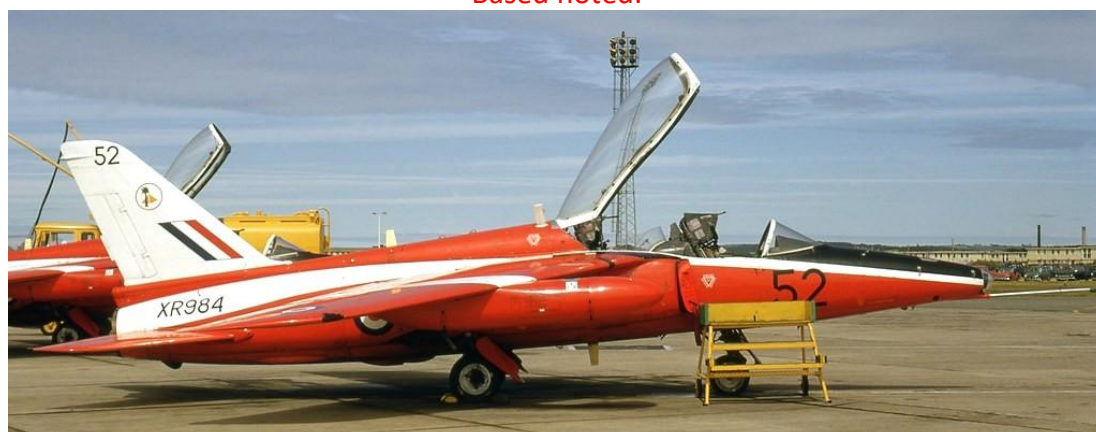
Tuesday 20th July 1971

WK522	-	Chipmunk T.10	?	VASF
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The old USAAF buildings from WW2 can be seen behind. [Peter Connolly]

Based noted:



Gnat T.1 XR984:52 4 FTS [Peter Connolly]

Friday 23rd July 1971 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP531:45 4 FTS to Bitteswell [F/L Smith] for overhaul. [after overhaul it did not return to 4 FTS going to the CFS/Red Arrows instead. On 16.2.76 it struck power lines, landing safely at Kemble it was assessed as CAT.3R then re-assessed as CAT.5 and struck off charge. The front fuselage was allocated to Swanton Morley for ground instruction, it was later removed to the RAF Coltishall fire dump and perished there during 1984] Gnat T.1 XR948:28 4 FTS returned from Kemble, see 7.7.71				

Saturday 24th July 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Haqui
Yachtsman missing off Criccieth after falling overboard, recalled after 10mins airborne as the man had been picked up by Lifeboat.				

Sunday 25th July 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Webb
Scrambled to Trefor Riding Stables [OS 106/365803] for a riding accident, casualty stretchered and flown to Bangor Hospital with arm and shoulder injuries.				

Monday 26th July 1971 [Pprune Bill Macgillivray logbook*][AIR 27/3091][AIR 27/3291]

56 Sqn MPC 1x missile fired.				
XL319	-	Vulcan B.2*	230 OCU	PD from Scampton
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XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/O Haqui
2 ATC Cadets missing on Snowdonia [OS 107/683642], picked up MRT member at Ogwen who directed the helicopter to the search area, later recalled as the Cadets had checked in.				

Tuesday 27th July 1971 [MB]

Based noted: Hunter T.7 WV372 delivered to 4 FTS becoming '85'				

Wednesday 28th July 1971 [AIR 27/3091][MB]

56 Sqn departed 28/29.7 to Wattisham post their MPC. Later departed from Wattisham back to Akrotiri, Cyprus. [Noted at Wattisham during this period were the following 56 Sqn aircraft: [XR750:A XR717:B XP753:C XR720:E XP743:G XR748:P XP702:R XP703:S XP759:T XS456:X]				
		?x Lightning	56 Sqn	To Wattisham
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR574:24 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 2.8				

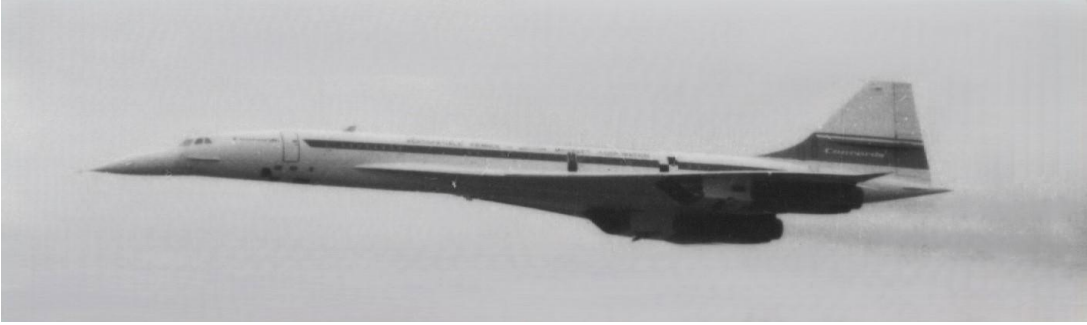
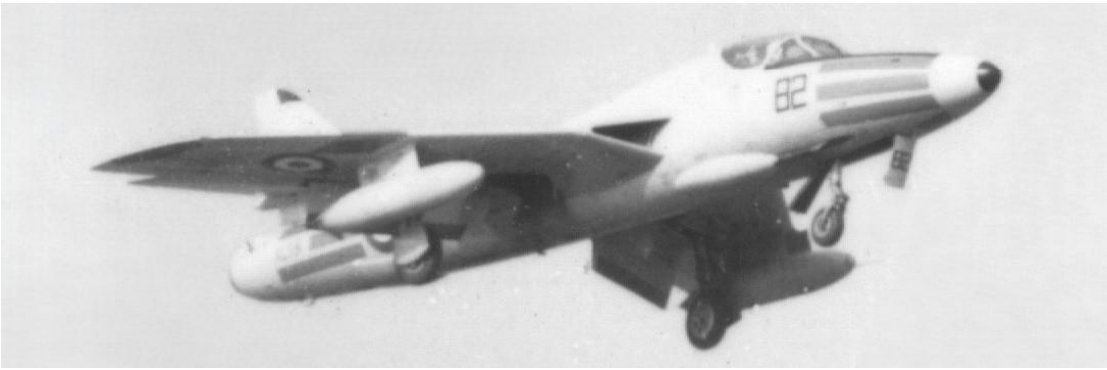
Thursday 29th July 1971 [AIR 27/3091][AIR 27/3291][MB]

XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Warton
Fallen climber with head injuries at OS 107/615546, flew to Waunfawr to pick up Warden Mr J E Roberts and then to 107/540585, casualty stretchered and flown to Bangor Hospital. [Nigel King, 13yrs old from Wimbledon]				
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL600:83 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing. Hunter T.7 XL609:80 returned from Kemble, see 1.7.71				

Saturday 31st July 1971 [BJ]

G-AXOG	-	PA-23 Aztec 250D	Private	To Speke-Denham
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August 1971 [photo via Dennis Pritchard]

G-BSST	-	Concorde 002	BAC	
 [Dick Thomas Collection] Single approach to Runway 14 then flew past Beaumaris at 2-3,000ft. Chief Test Pilot Brian Trubshaw's Mother lived in Beaumaris.				
XV252	52	Nimrod MR.1		PD
 [Dick Thomas Collection]				
	WR	3x F-4	/81 TFW	PD
 [Dick Thomas Collection] Based noted:  Hunter T.7 XL591:82 4 FTS [Dick Thomas Collection]				

August 1971

		Lightning	5 Sqn	MPC
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August 1971 [AIR 29/4199]

		?x Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	Mountain Flying Detachment
		?x ?	[663 Sqn]	Mountain Flying Detachment

Sunday 1st August 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Warton
Girl trapped on cliffs near Llanbedrog [OS 115/329303], on arrival informed girl had been rescued safely.				

Monday 2nd August 1971 [AIR 27/3291][MB]

XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Warton
Scrambled to evacuate ATC Cadet from OS 107/668702, recalled enroute as Cadet had been picked up and taken to Hospital by Ambulance.				
XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Warton
Recover man swept out to sea on a lilo at OS 107/852792, later informed man had been rescued safe.				
XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Warton
Climber in difficulties at OS 116/508513, on arrival informed the climber was safe and on his way home.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP513:13 4 FTS returned from 5 MU Kemble, see 15.7.71				

Tuesday 3rd August 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Warton
Gnat precautionary with power loss, landed safely.				
XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Dainty
Injured girl at OS 107/620550, unable to reach the location due to low cloud. 5 Plas-y-Brenin MRT members picked up at Pen-y-Pass and dropped at OS 107/633552 helicopter then returned to Valley to refuel before returning with 2 members of Valley MRT to Pen-y-Pass. Informed girl had been picked up safe at OS 107/628550 and reunited with her parents at Pen-y-Pass Hotel.				
XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Dainty
Reports of an explosion at sea off NE Anglesey, helicopter flew to OS 106/519869 and commenced searching out to 3nms from the coast and East to OS 106/650820, continued to until failing light before returning to Valley.				

Thursday 5th August 1971 [AIR 27/3291][SB]

XV668	526:PO	Sea King HAS.1	737 NAS	Ed Featherstone
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XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Warton

Injured walker at OS 107/630552 flown to Bangor Hospital.

Friday 6th August 1971 [AIR 27/3291][MB]

XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/O Haqui
Fallen climber at OS 107/615545 but nothing seen. Landed at Pen-y-Pass for more information, it was learned than 11yr old boy was missing and that a young voice crying for help had been heard near the position given. MRT ferried to OS 107/618558 where the helicopter landed and shutdown, after 20mins the helicopter returned to Valley due to the deteriorating weather, boy was found safe on the hillside next morning.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP540:40 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 11.8				

Saturday 7th August 1971 [BAR 71/09][AIR 27/3291]

XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Dainty
2 sub aqua divers from Merseyside Sub Aqua Club missing at Cable Bay [OS 106/334708] on arrival at scene informed by a Club member that they had been diving from a boat 1nm off Cable Bay. Search carried out between 106/330700 and 106/325720, after 15mins landed at Cable Bay after being signalled by flashing car lights and met by the 2 divers had swum ashore safely.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS102:58 4 FTS Chivenor Air Display, static.				

Monday 9th August 1971 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XM705 delivered from Bitteswell to 4 FTS [F/L Pollard] becoming '10'				

Wednesday 11th August 1971 [DF][AIR 27/3291]

WD790	-	Meteor NF.11/12	RRE	From & to Pershore, Radar Trials
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XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Dainty
Gnat precautionary with fuel system problems, landed safely.				

Friday 13th August 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Warton
Person reported crying at OS 107/631596, landed at Ogwen Cottage area due to cloud at scene, the person had been rescued by 2 persons.				

Saturday 14th August 1971 [BAR 71/09]

Based noted: Alconbury Open Day. Gnat T.1 XR571:23 [static] XP534:15 [flying] 4 FTS. Hunter F.6 XF509:73 4 FTS [flying]				

Sunday 15th August 1971 [MC 9/71]

		Harrier GR.1	233 OCU	
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Monday 16th August 1971 [Paddy O'Flynn logbook*][AIR 29/4199][AIR 29/3672][MB]

1 Sqn/228 OCU [4 aircraft] arrived from Coningsby for their MPC. 228 OCU MPC 16-23.8, returned 5 days ahead of schedule, 4 missiles fired.				
XV436	[436]	Phantom FGR.2*	228 OCU	MPC
XV472	[472]	Phantom FGR.2*	228 OCU	MPC
XV496	[496]	Phantom FGR.2*	228 OCU	MPC
		Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	MPC
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP516:16 4 FTS to 5 MU for surface finishing.				

Tuesday 17th August 1971 [BJ][AIR 27/3291]

XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'ZULU96' to & from Speke
XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Webb
Boat on fire at OS 115/355255, on arrival nothing seen but informed by Abersoch Lifeboat that the boat had sunk, 2 occupants had made shore safely.				

Wednesday 18th August 1971 [AIR 29/3670&4516]

Based noted: 6x Gnat T.1 4 FTS liaison visit to 65 Sqn Coltishall.				

Thursday 19th August 1971 [MC 9/71]

XT640	[D]	Scout AH.1	666 Sqn/AAC	From Staverton
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Friday 20th August 1971 [AIR 27/3291][AIR 29/3672]

228 OCU MPC. 2x AIM-9 fired.				
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XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Haqui
Capsized inflatable dinghy with 3 sub aqua divers onboard at OS 106/215806, only assistance required was a tow, Holyhead Coastguard informed.				

Saturday 21st August 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Warton
Man suffering heart attack at OS 107/622542, casualty flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Monday 23rd August 1971 [AIR 29/4199][AIR 27/3291]

1 Sqn/228 OCU departed back to Coningsby post their MPC.				
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XV436	[436]	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	To Coningsby
XV472	[472]	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	To Coningsby
XV496	[496]	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	To Coningsby
		Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	To Coningsby
		Lightning		See below
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XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Moyes
Lightning precautionary with a loose panel, landed safely.				
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G-AHRC	-	Tiger Moth	Private	'BARNSTORMERS' Display Team.
Spun whilst trying to avoid a partner aircraft [possibly G-ANMO] and ditched in Church Bay, 9nms North of Valley. Part of the 'Barnstormers' 4-ship formation team. Attended by Whirlwind HAR.10 XJ429 22 Sqn 'RESCUE22' [F/L Moyes] with both occupants winched and flown to SMC Valley. The Tiger Moth wasn't salvaged, G-AHRC was originally T6064. One of the rescued crew also quoted as Colin Goodman but he was the owner of G-ANMO, so unlikely.				
	-	Mr Jack Moreton [45]		Ok
	-	Miss Pat Icke [21]		Ok

Tuesday 24th August 1971 [AIR 27/3150]

XR135	135	Argosy C.1	114 Sqn	'RRR4561' F/L Paice
Routed: Benson-Valley-Coningsby-Benson, return of 228 OCU MPC support.				

Wednesday 26th August 1971 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP514:14 4 FTS delivered to Bitteswell [F/L Coker] [XP514 never returned to 4 FTS, Valley. It was delivered to CFS/Red Arrows where it spent the rest of it's career. On 5.9.79 it was allocated 8635M then sent to 2 SoTT, Cosford 19.9.79 for ground instruction but instead it was flown to Cranwell 17.9.79 It was then offered for sale in 1988 from Cosford, to Cranfield with Arnold Glass and registered as N7HY 6.8.94 It was then sold to Anton Ostermeier [Santa Anna, Ca] 8.3.00 still present 2025.				

Thursday 27th August 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Moyes
2 capsized yacht's at Raven's Head [OS 106/250778] on arrival one was under tow and the other about to be towed by the Trearddur Bay Lifeboat, all survivors safe.				

Friday 28th August 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Haqui
Capsized boat with 3 people in the water in the Conwy Estuary, enroute informed that the 3 survivors had been picked up by the Conwy Lifeboat.				
XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/O Haqui

2 swimmers in difficulty at Aberffraw Beach, on arrival found a man and a woman being given CPR at OS 106/357676. Both flown to Bangor Hospital with oxygen and CPR administered to the woman, she was pronounced dead on arrival at the Hospital.
[Mr & Mrs Warburton from Llanyghenedl]

Saturday 29th August 1971 [BAR 71/09][AIR 27/3291][MB]

XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Warton
Sub aqua diver missing for 3hrs, search carried out near North Stack, eventually found on a rock at OS 106/222839 and winched up to the Coastguard. [Peter Schwarz from St Helens]				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR983:53 4 FTS Blackbushe Air Display, flying. Gnat T.1 XP500:50 4 FTS from Bitteswell, see 25.2.71				

Sunday 30th August 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/O Haqui
Capsized speed boat at Wylfa Bay [OS 106/350944], on arrival the speed boat was under tow by a rubber dinghy, 3 persons wearing lifejackets in the water signalled they were ok, and no assistance required.				

September 1971 [AIR 29/4199]

Station Flight handled 187 visitors including 6 VIP.				
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September 1971 [AIR 29/4199]

		?x Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	Mountain Flying Detachment
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Wednesday 1st September 1971 [AIR 27/3200]

XM517	517	Britannia C.1	511 Sqn	'RRR6409' S/L Oatey
Routed: Gutersloh-Valley-Brize-Aldergrove-Brize.				

Thursday 2nd September 1971 [MB]

Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL591:82 4 FTS visited Kemble, taxi for crew for XL600:83 Hunter T.7 XL600:83 returned from Kemble, see 29.7.71				

Friday 3rd September 1971 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP516:16 returned to 4 FTS from 5 MU, see 16.8.71				

Sunday 5th September 1971 [AIR 29/4199][AIR 27/3216][AIR 27/3146][AIR 27/3291]

111 Sqn [6 aircraft] arrived from Wattisham for their MPC. 111 Sqn MPC 5-14.9, 'N' appears in the course photo.				
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1 replacement aircraft arrived during the detachment.				
		Lightning	111 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning	111 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning	111 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning	111 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning	111 Sqn	MPC
[XP761]	N	Lightning F.3	111 Sqn	MPC
XR370	370	Belfast C.1	53 Sqn	'RRR6930' S/L Wilson
Routed: Brize-Wattisham-Valley-Brize, support for 111 Sqn MPC.				
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise with the Welsh Regiment at Waunfawr.				

Tuesday 7th September 1971 [BJ][Pprune Wwyvern logbook*]

G-ASHW	-	DH.104 Dove 8	Private	From & to Speke, Scottish Avn.
XR498	AM	Wessex HC.2*	72 Sqn	To Aldergrove, NICO
XS674	AH	Wessex HC.2*	72 Sqn	From Odiham

Thursday 9th September 1971 [BAR 71/10][AIR 27/3056]

XS769	-	Basset CC.1	32 Sqn	'RRR1237' F/L Easterbrook
VIP flight, from and to Northolt.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS103:59 4 FTS Hunter T.7 XL609:80 XL600:83 XL567:84 XL573:97 All the above visited Brize Norton.				

Friday 10th September 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Warton
Crisp for help on Tryfan [OS 107/665600], nothing seen and MRT members dropped off but still nothing seen.				

Saturday 11th September 1971 [BAR 71/10][AIR 27/3291]

XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Haqui
Cabin cruiser on fire off Penmon [OS 107/800640], on arrival both occupants had been picked up by a fishing vessel, both winched into the helicopter and flown to Bangor Hospital suffering from shock.				
Based noted: Hunter F.6 XF527:70 4 FTS visited Brize Norton.				

Sunday 12th September 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

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

Monday 13th September 1971 [Pprune Wwyvern logbook*][AIR 27/3146][AIR 27/3291]

111 Sqn MPC 1x missile fired.				
XT606	AO	Wessex HC.2*	72 Sqn	To Aldergrove
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XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Moyes
Collapsed man on Snowdon [OS 107/613549], on arrival CPR administered and casualty flown to Bangor Hospital, pronounced dead on arrival.				

Tuesday 14th September 1971 [AIR 27/3146][MB]

111 Sqn MPC 4x missiles fired. 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
[XP761]	N	Lightning F.3	111 Sqn	To Wattisham
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP539:39 4 FTS [F/L Smith] to Bitteswell for overhaul. [post overhaul XP539 was delivered to CFS/Red Arrows]				

Wednesday 15th September 1971 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP504:04 repairs complete, back to 4 FTS 16.9 – see 18.5.71				

Thursday 16th September 1971 [AIR 27/3083]

XV193	193	Hercules C.1	48 Sqn	F/L Rhodes
Routed: Lyneham-Valley[16:50]				

Friday 17th September 1971 [AIR 27/3291][AIR 27/3083]

XV193	193	Hercules C.1	48 Sqn	F/L Rhodes
Routed: Valley[09:00]-Wattisham-Valley[12:35/14:25]-Wattisham-Lyneham.				
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XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Warton
Trawler on fire 8nms West of Havering, helicopter landed at Blackpool to refuel and await instructions. Later informed that the trawler was under tow and no assistance required.				

Saturday 18th September 1971 [Pprune Wwyvern logbook*][BAR 71/10]

XT606	AO	Wessex HC.2*	72 Sqn	Aldergrove-Odiham
Based noted: The following attended the annual Battle of Britain Airshows.				

Hunter F.6 XF509:73 4 FTS Abingdon & Biggin Hill, flying.
Gnat T.1 XR571:23 4 FTS Finningley, static.



XR571 can be seen in the background. [Carl Ford]

Gnat T.1 XP502:02 4 FTS Finningley, spare.

Gnat T.1 XP534:15 XP516:16 XR982:51 XS102:58 4 FTS Finningley, flying.

Gnat T.1 XP503:03 4 FTS St Mawgan, flying.

Gnat T.1 XS106:36 4 FTS St Athan, static.

Hunter T.7 XL609:80 4 FTS Leuchars, static, also visited Wattisham.

Hunter F.6 XF527:70 4 FTS visited Wattisham.

Wednesday 22nd September 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Webb
		[LRMP]		Long Range Maritime Patrol
Exercise held off Isle of Man with Coastguard and Lifeboats 22-24.9. [Shackleton or Nimrod ?]				
	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Exercise with Trearddur Bay Lifeboat.				
Based noted:				



Thursday 23rd September 1971 [Ian Hartley logbook*]

STCAAME				
*Delivered missiles for their forthcoming MPC, see 26.9				
XR752	[G]	Lightning F.6*	23 Sqn	From Leuchars
XR765	[A]	Lightning F.6*	23 Sqn	To Leuchars

Friday 24th September 1971 [Pprune snakecharmer Father's logbook*][AIR 27/3291]

XH647	-	Victor B.1A*	TTF	PD from Marham
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XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Moyes
Missing farmer near Trefriw, Conwy Valley. Search carried out and a smoke flare was sighted at OS 107/735602 where the farmer presumed dead was found.				

Sunday 26th September 1971 [Ian Hartley logbook*][AIR 27/3041][AIR 27/3216][AIR 29/4352]

23 Sqn arrived from Leuchars with 5 aircraft for their MPC.				
23 Sqn MPC 26.9-8.10				
XR753	[B]	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	MPC
XR747	K	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	MPC
XR756	M	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	MPC
XR727	F	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	MPC
XR760	H	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	MPC
XM145		Lightning F.1A	TFF	MPC target aircraft

XR366	366	Belfast C.1	53 Sqn	'RRR6936' F/L Jobling
Routed: Brize-Leuchars-Valley-Brize, 23 Sqn MPC support.				

Monday 27th September 1971 [AIR 29/4352][GP]

23 Sqn MPC PM 1x Red Top fired [XR753 with chase XM145]				
Based noted: Hunter F.6 XF384:74 4 FTS visited Wattisham.				

Tuesday 28th September 1971 [Ian Hartley logbook*][AIR 29/4352][MB]

23 Sqn MPC AM 1x Red Top fired [XR760 with chase XR753]				
XR753	[B]	Lightning F.6*	23 Sqn	MPC aircraft weapons check
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL600:83 4 FTS visited Kemble, liaison visit to G Site.				

Thursday 30th September 1971 [BJ][Ian Hartley logbook*]

XR753	[B]	Lightning F.6*	23 Sqn	To Binbrook.
XJ319	-	Sea Devon C.20	RN	'RZ819' from Speke
EI-AVI	-	Alouette III**	Private	Irish Helicopters
**Delivery from Oxford via Speke.				

October 1971 [AIR 29/4199]

Station Flight handled visitors including VIP.				
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October 1971 [AIR 29/4199][AIR 27/3041][AIR 27/3291]

		Andover		
Precautionary landing attended by Whirlwind HAR.10 22 Sqn, no specific dates in any ORB.				

Friday 1st October 1971 [Ian Hartley logbook*][AIR 27/3041][AIR 29/4352]

23 Sqn MPC PM 1x Red Top fired [XR756 with chase XM145] Local sortie [XR747:K][F/L Hartley]				
XR753	[B]	Lightning F.6*	23 Sqn	MPC from Leuchars
XM145		Lightning F.1	TFF	To Leuchars

Monday 4th October 1971 [Ian Hartley logbook*]

23 Sqn MPC Local sortie [XR754:D][F/L Hartley]				
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[Dennis Pritchard]

Tuesday 5th October 1971 [AIR 29/4352]

23 Sqn MPC				
XR747	K	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	To Leuchars

Wednesday 6th October 1971 [MC 11/71][Ian Hartley logbook*][AIR 29/4352][MB]

23 Sqn MPC				
AM 1x Red Top fired [XR758 with chase XR756]				
AM 1x Red Top fired [XR754 with chase XR727*]				
23 Sqn finished their MPC, 2 days ahead of schedule and returned to Leuchars.				
XR756	M	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
XR727	F	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
XR754	D	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
XR758	E	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
XR760	H	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
G-ATCA	-	Wessex 60	Bristows	From East Midlands [EMA]
Based noted:				
Hunter T.7 XL591:82 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing.				
Hunter T.7 XL609:80 4 FTS visited Kemble to collect pilot of XL591:82				

Thursday 7th October 1971 [Ian Hartley logbook*]

Based noted:				
Gnat T.1 XR573:[20] 4 FTS visited Leuchars.				
Flew one of the 23 Sqn pilots* back to Leuchars.				

Friday 8th October 1971 [AIR 27/3041][AIR 29/4352]

		Hercules C.1		To Leuchars
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23 Sqn return MPC Support.

Saturday 9th October 1971 [BJ]

XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'ZULU94' visited Speke
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Tuesday 12th October 1971 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR998:47 4 FTS birdstrike CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 18.10				

Wednesday 13th October 1971 [GP]

WD702	U	Meteor TT.20	8149M	Ex. 3/4 CAACU, Exeter
Delivered from Kemble for the Fire Dump. Cut up and taken away to a scrapyard in Conway 1.12.75. Parts noted in a scrapyard in Llandudno by 6.76. Also quoted as 9.10.70 ?				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 4 FTS all visited Wattisham. XR538:01 XP535:54 XP515:55 XS100:57 XS102:58 XS103:59 XR535:65				

Thursday 14th October 1971 [AIR 27/3051][MB]

29 Sqn ORB mentions ready to use missiles being flown in on this date for their MPC.				
		Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	STCAAME
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR951:26 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing.				

Tuesday 19th October 1971 [AIR 27/3051][AIR 29/4352]

29 Sqn arrived from Wattisham with 6 aircraft for their MPC. 29 Sqn MPC 19-30.10, only 2 out of 5 missiles fired due to bad weather. They should have arrived 17.10 but were delayed due to high crosswinds at Valley.				
XP700	K	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	MPC
XP698	B	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning T.5	29 Sqn	MPC

Wednesday 20th October 1971 [AIR 27/3051][AIR 4/213]

29 Sqn MPC no further flying due to bad weather. 25-28.10, Llanbedr targets unable to get airborne due to high crosswinds there. These 2 aircraft had diverted back to Wattisham the previous day due to gale force winds.				
XR751	Q	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	MPC from Wattisham
		Lightning	29 Sqn	MPC from Wattisham
XP686	32	JP T.4	SoRF/CAW	Hall
School of Refresher Flying. Routed: Manby-Thorney Island-Chivenor-Valley, see XS215 below.				
XS215	18	JP T.4	SoRF/CAW	Hall to Machrihanish

Late October 1971 [MSAE]

XP698	B	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	MPC
XP755	E	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	MPC
XP735	J	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	MPC
XP700	K	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	MPC
XP757	M	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	MPC
XR751	Q	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	MPC
XV328	Z	Lightning T.5	29 Sqn	MPC
156173	HL	EC-130Q	VQ-4	USN [visited St Mawgan 21.10]
XM717	-	Victor SR.2	543 Sqn	
XL165	-	Victor SR.2	543 Sqn	
XW206	CC	Puma HC.1	33 Sqn	
WH856	[56]	Canberra TT.18	7 Sqn	
WK118	[18]	Canberra TT.18	7 Sqn	
WH919	[V]	Canberra B.2	231 OCU	
WT337	[-]	Canberra B[I].8	16 Sqn	
XM274	[-]	Canberra B[I].8	16 Sqn	
XS769	-	Basset CC.1	32 Sqn	
XS729	G	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XS737	K	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
WF371	S	Varsity T.1	[5 FTS]	
XP567	R	JP T.4	6 FTS	
XP583	S	JP T.4	6 FTS	
XP557	T	JP T.4	6 FTS	
XW320	36	JP T.5	3 FTS	
XW329	43	JP T.5	3 FTS	
G-ANUO	-	DH.114 Heron	Private	
G-AXSR	-	Brantley	Private	
EI-ASW	-	B206 Jetranger	Private	

Based noted:
Gnat T.1 4 FTS
XR954:30 XR955:43 still in the old grey/dayglo scheme.
Hunter F.6 4 FTS
XF527:70 XF384:72 XF509:73
Hunter T.7 4 FTS *grey/dayglo **camo
XL609:80* XL621:81** XL600:83* XL567:84* WV372:85**
XL573:97* '97 still wearing 229 OCU badge.
Whirlwind HAR.10 C Flight/22 Sqn
XJ429 XP346
Whirlwind HAR.10 CFS Detachment from Ternhill
XP394:C XP344:J XP300:S XP331:T

Monday 25th October 1971 [AIR 27/3051][AIR 27/3291]

29 Sqn MPC				
*Take-offs aborted due to the Jindivik 103AL target drone A92-542 crashing on take-off at Llanbedr.				
		Lightning*	29 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning*	29 Sqn	MPC
XP755	E	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	MPC
XP735	J	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	MPC
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XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Dainty
2 Gnat precautions, 1 with a fuel leak and the other with hydraulic failure, both landed safely.				

Tuesday 26th October 1971 [AIR 29/4199][AIR 27/3081][AIR 29/4352]

29 Sqn MPC				
XR751	Q	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	MPC
XP755	E	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	MPC
XR751	Q	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	MPC
[XS149]	[403:DV]	[Wessex HAS.3]	[737 NAS]	Mountain Flying Detachment
From HMS Devonshire				
XS608		Andover C.1	46 Sqn	'RRR4977'
Routed: Finningley-Valley-Thorney Island. Party of Foreign & Commonwealth Air Attaches visited to fly Gnats/Hunters/Whirlwinds.				

Wednesday 27th October 1971 [AIR 29/4352][MB]

29 Sqn MPC				
XP698	B	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	MPC
XV328	Z	Lightning T.5	29 Sqn	MPC
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP503:03 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 2.11 Gnat T.1 XR574:24 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 28.7.71				

Thursday 28th October 1971 [AIR 27/3056][AIR 29/4352][MB]

29 Sqn MPC				
XV328	Z	Lightning T.5	29 Sqn	MPC
XP698	B	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	MPC
XP735	J	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	MPC
XS769	-	Basset CC.1	32 Sqn	'RRR5110' S/L Wickham
Routed: Northolt-Valley-Warton-Northolt.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XM709 delivered from Bitteswell [F/L Bushnell] to 4 FTS becoming '09' Gnat T.1 XR951:26 returned from Kemble, see 14.10.71 Gnat T.1 XR955:43 4 FTS [F/L Bushnell] to Bitteswell for overhaul. [post overhaul XR955 went to CFS/Red Arrows until they re-equipped with the Hawk. XR955				

then went to School of Aircraft Handling at Culdrose on 17.9.79 as A2678 coded '2' It then went to Leavesden in 1987 and was crated for the USA and Glenn Hyde [Dallas TX] to be restored at Chino. It was registered N4367L 7.5.92 to DAC International Inc [Austin TX] then to Denver Aerospace Science Museum [Watkins CO] on 6.12.10]

Friday 29th October 1971 [AIR 27/3051][AIR 27/3216]

29 Sqn MPC				
AM 1x Firestreak fired [XP700 with chase XP698]				
AM 1x Firestreak fired [XP755 with chase XP698]				
XP755	E	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	MPC
XP698	B	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	MPC
XP700	K	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	MPC
XR363	363	Belfast C.1	53 Sqn	'RRR6797' from Akrotiri, S/L Brighton

Saturday 30th October 1971 [AIR 27/3051][AIR 27/3216][AIR 29/4352]

29 Sqn departed back to Wattisham post their MPC.				
They actually departed off 19 due to 45kt winds.				
[XP698]	[B]	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	To Wattisham
[XP755]	[E]	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	To Wattisham
[XP700]	[K]	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	To Wattisham
[XP735]	[J]	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	To Wattisham
[XR751]	[Q]	Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	To Wattisham
[XV328]	[Z]	Lightning T.5	29 Sqn	To Wattisham
XR363	363	Belfast C.1	53 Sqn	'RRR6796' to Brize, see 29.10

November 1971 [AIR 29/4199]

Station Flight handled 154 visitors including 7 VIP.				
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Monday 1st November 1971 [BJ][Peter Whittle logbook*][MB]

G-AXTM	-	PA-28 Cherokee*	CSE	To Speke-Oxford
G-AWMS	-	HS.125-3B	RTZ	From Staverton
Based noted: 'Late Autumn' [MC 2/72]				
Gnat T.1 4 FTS				
XR538:01 XP502:02 XP503:03 XP504:04 XR535:05 XP506:06 XP537:07 XR569:08 XM709:09				
XM705:10 XP511:11 XP513:13 XP514:14 XP534:15 XP516:16 XP508:21 XR571:23 XR574:24				
XR951:26 XP536:27 XR948:28 XR953:29 XR954:30 XP532:32 XP533:33 XR541:34 XR544:35				
XS106:36 XR537:37 XP538:38 XP539:39 XP540:40 XP541:41 XP542:42 XR955:43 XS104:44				
XP531:45 XR977:46 XR998:47 XP500:50 XR982:51 XR984:52 XR983:53 XP535:54 XP515:55				
XS100:57 XS102:58 XS103:59 XS105:60 XS109:63 XP530:64 XR534:65				
Hunter F.6 4 FTS				
XF527:70 XG274:71 XF384:72 XF509:73 XG185:74				
Hunter T.7 4 FTS				
XL609:80 XL621:81 XL591:82 XL600:83 XL567:84 WV372:85				
XL591:82 returned from 5 MU Kemble, see 6.10.70				

Wednesday 3rd November 1971 [AIR 27/3291][GP]

XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Warton
Search for sub aqua diver to the West of West Mouse Island, search carried out between Skerries and West Mouse until Holyhead Coastguard informed that the diver was safe.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP516:16 4 FTS visited Coltishall.				

Friday 5th November 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

		Wessex	[NAS]	See below
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XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Moyes
RN Wessex with engine failure, landed safely at Valley.				

Sunday 7th November 1971 [AIR 27/3081]

XS603		Andover C.1	46 Sqn	'RRR4997' F/L Burt
Routed: Thorney Island-Coltishall-Valley-Thorney Island.				

Monday 8th November 1971 [AIR 27/3291][AIR 29/4352]

65 Sqn, 226 OCU arrived from Coltishall with 5 aircraft for their MPC. 226 OCU MPC 8-12.11, 5x Firestreak fired. PM no range slots due to strong winds at Llanbedr.				
XM178		Lightning F.1A	226 OCU	MPC
XM182		Lightning F.1A	226 OCU	MPC
XM214		Lightning F.1A	226 OCU	MPC
XM215		Lightning F.1A	226 OCU	MPC
XM974		Lightning T.4	226 OCU	MPC
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XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'Rescue22' F/L Dainty
Scrambled to a Hunter crash at Gelmast Farm, Devil's Bridge [OS 127/772760], homed in by another Hunter which had located the crash site. The Winchman was dropped off and with Policemen and Firemen made a quick search of the area which revealed 2 bodies and informed them not to touch anything until the Standby Guard arrived. The helicopter night stopped at Llanbedr due to weather and darkness. The following day the aircraft returned to the crash scene and then returned to Valley. This was Hunter T.7 XL575:80 234 Sqn/229 OCU from Chivenor. Flew into high ground during a severe thunderstorm. [F/L John Radcliffe Metcalfe RAF & 2/Lt B Yong R Malaysian AF, both killed]				

Tuesday 9th November 1971 [AIR 29/4352]

226 OCU MPC AM 1x Firestreak fired [XM974 with chase XM182] AM 1x Firestreak fired [XM974 with chase XM182] PM 1x Firestreak fired [XM215 with chase XM974]				
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PM 1x Firestreak fired [XM178 with chase XM974]				
XM178		Lightning F.1A	226 OCU	MPC

Wednesday 10th November 1971 [AIR 27/3291][AIR 29/4352]

226 OCU MPC PM 1x Firestreak fired [XM182 with chase XM997] The Lightning T.4 was replaced by another example.				
XM178		Lightning F.1A	226 OCU	To Coltishall
XM215		Lightning F.1A	226 OCU	To Coltishall
XM974		Lightning T.4	226 OCU	To Coltishall
XM997		Lightning T.4	226 OCU	From Coltishall
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XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Warton
Armourer [C/T Ashley, ejection seat explosive expert] flown to the Hunter crash location as described 8.11				
XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Moyes
Fallen climber at OS 107/618542, on arrival found a group of Army Soldiers, casualty flown to Bangor Hospital with left leg and thigh injuries. [Pte D Brown, 17yrs old from the Light Infantry at Shrewsbury]				

Thursday 11th November 1971 [Pprune PE_3721 logbook][AIR 29/4199][AIR 29/4352]

226 OCU ORB mentions an incident involving T.5 XS450 with a Board of Inquiry 13.11 2[T]Sqn, 226 OCU from Coltishall arrived with 3 aircraft for their MPC. AM 1x Firestreak fired [XS423 no chase]				
XS423		Lightning T.5	226 OCU	MPC
XS450		Lightning T.5	226 OCU	MPC
XS454		Lightning T.5	226 OCU	MPC

Friday 12th November 1971 [AIR 27/3291][AIR 29/4352]

226 OCU MPC PM 1x Firestreak fired [XS450 no chase] PM 1x Firestreak fired [XS450 no chase] Both 65 Sqn & 2[T]Sqn, 226 OCU departed back to Coltishall.				
XM182		Lightning F.1A	226 OCU	To Coltishall
XM214		Lightning F.1A	226 OCU	To Coltishall
XM997		Lightning T.4	226 OCU	To Coltishall
XS423		Lightning T.5	226 OCU	To Coltishall
XS450		Lightning T.5	226 OCU	To Coltishall
XS454		Lightning T.5	226 OCU	To Coltishall
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XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	From St Mawgan
Aircraft changeover, see 15.11				

Monday 15th November 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	To St Mawgan, see 12.11
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Wednesday 17th November 1971 [AIR 29/4199][AIR 29/3670 & 4516][AIR 27/3036]

*226 OCU arrived from Coltishall for their MPC. *226 OCU MPC 17-19.11. fire 3 Firestreak missiles. **Battle Flight scramble from Gutersloh to Aberporth Range. **1x Firestreak fired, land Valley.				
		Lightning*	226 OCU	MPC
		Lightning*	226 OCU	MPC
		Lightning*	226 OCU	MPC
XN781	B	Lightning F.2A**	19 Sqn	STCAAME F/L Spiller

Thursday 18th November 1971 [MC 1/72]

G-ATCA	-	Wessex 60	Bristows	To EMA-North Denes
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Saturday 20th November 1971 [BJ]

G-AXTM	-	PA-28 Cherokee	CSE	From Speke
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Sunday 21st November 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Dainty
2 sub aqua divers in a rubber dinghy with engine trouble at Rhoscolyn Bay. They were trying to row ashore in a Force 8 gale and were being blown out to sea, both winched aboard and flown to shore safely. [Mr T W Ezar, 26yrs old from Birmingham & Mr R E Munday, 21yrs old from Bromborough]				

Monday 22nd November 1971 [BJ]

XP137	[406]	Wessex HAS.1	[737 NAS]	'NAVY406' Speke then Aberporth
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Tuesday 23rd November 1971 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR983:53 delivered to CFS.				

Wednesday 24th November 1971 [BJ][AIR 27/3291][AIR 27/3081]

XS597		Andover C.1	46 Sqn	'RRR5164' F/L Allan
Routed: Thorney Island-Valley-Aldergrove-Northolt-Thorney Island.				
G-AVBG	-	PA-28 Cherokee	CoAT	To Speke then Hamble
G-AVAY	-	PA-28 Cherokee	CoAT	To Speke then Hamble
CoAT [College of Air Training]				
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XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Warton
Gant precautionary with one undercarriage 'red,' landed safely.				

Thursday 25th November 1971 [BAR 72/01][MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR948:28 4 FTS PD at Pershore operating from Kemble. Gnat T.1 XP502:02 4 FTS [F/L Hamill] to HSA Bitteswell for reconditioning. Gnat T.1 XR998:47 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 12.10.71				

Sunday 28th November 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/L Dainty
Man fallen over a cliff at Point Lynas [OS 106/480935] easily found due to dayglo strips marking the scene, stretchered and flown to Bangor Hospital suffering a broken clavicle, head wound, severe bruising, shock, and exposure. [Peter Wagstaff from Rhosybol]				

December 1971 [AIR 29/4199]

Station Flight handled 157 visitors including 3 VIP.				
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December 1971 [AIR 29/4199]

Based noted: 4x Gnat T.1 4 FTS Detached to Lossiemouth as part of Exercise 'Highwood71' for 4 days.				

Wednesday 1st December 1971 [Paul Osborn*][AIR 29/4199][AIR 27/3202]

5 Sqn arrived from Binbrook for their MPC. 5 Sqn MPC 1-14.12				
		?x Lightning	5 Sqn	MPC
XH672	-	Victor B.2[SR]	543 Sqn	Diversion F/L R H Farnes
Diverted from Wyton as part of Exercise Highwood.				
		Varsity T.1*	[6 FTS]	Weather diversion from Finningley
*According to Paul Osborn when they landed at Valley the Airfield was full of diverted aircraft including civil Boeings that were parked on the disused runways. Possibly a B.707 from Airtours [Pprune Minnie Burner]				

Friday 3rd December 1971 [AIR 27/3086]

G/C B Huxley assumes command of the Station.				
XM652	-	Vulcan B.2	50 Sqn	F/L P R Jeffers
Local sortie 07:42-13:08				

Saturday 4th December 1971 [AIR 27/3086][AIR 27/3202]

XM648	-	Vulcan B.2	50 Sqn	F/L P R Jeffers sortie 05:30-09:55
XH574	-	Vulcan B.2	50 Sqn	F/L P G Cowen sortie 05:32-10:33
XH672	-	Victor B.2[SR]	543 Sqn	To Wyton, see 1.12

Sunday 5th December 1971 [AIR 27/3086]

XH574	-	Vulcan B.2	50 Sqn	F/L R Butler sortie 10:08-14:38
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Monday 6 December 1971 [Pprune Yellow Sun logbook*][AIR 27/3086][AIR 27/3291][AIR 27/3081][AIR 27/3073]

XS597		Andover C.1	46 Sqn	'RRR1440' F/L Stout
From Thorney Island, CONSOUMAR, AVM Downey visited 22 Sqn.				
XV237	37	Nimrod MR.1	42 Sqn	PD F/L Carter
XM652	-	Vulcan B.2	50 Sqn	F/L P G Cowen sortie 07:28-12:40
XH574	-	Vulcan B.2	50 Sqn	F/L P R Jeffers sortie 07:41-12:26
XH557	-	Vulcan B.2*	101 Sqn	

Exercise Highwood, a joint RAF/RN exercise to evaluate the threat posed by Russian attack systems. The Vulcans simulated enemy forces and were sometimes assisted by Gnat T.1's. the Gnats simulated missiles released by the Vulcans. Aircraft were dispersed to Valley, Machrihanish & St Mawgan due to the weather at their home bases. Deployed from Waddington due to forecast weather. One of possibly 3 deployed, detachment operated out of the STCAAME ramp. Probably included 44 and 50 Sqn crews. Returned to Waddington 8.12 possibly on a SCBS Hastings?

Tuesday 7th December 1971 [Pprune Yellow Sun logbook*][AIR 27/3086][AIR 27/3081][AIR 27/3073]

XM609	-	Vulcan B.2*	101 Sqn	Local sortie
XM653	-	Vulcan B.2	50 Sqn	F/L R Butler sortie 01:25-05:14
XM648	-	Vulcan B.2	50 Sqn	F/L P G Cowen sortie 05:36-10:36
XS613		Andover C.1	46 Sqn	Aldergrove-Farnborough, see 6.12
XV256	56	Nimrod MR.1	42 Sqn	PD F/L Carter

Wednesday 8th December 1971 [AIR 27/3086]

XM606	-	Vulcan B.2	50 Sqn	F/L P R Jeffers to Waddington
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Thursday 9th December 1971 [AIR 27/3086]

XM652	-	Vulcan B.2	50 Sqn	F/L P G Cowen to Waddington
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Sunday 12th December 1971 [BJ]

G-AXVC	-	Cessna FA.150K	Private	To Speke-Barton, Lancs Aero Club
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Tuesday 14th December 1971 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP506:06 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 16.12 Gnat T.1 XP508:21 4 FTS [F/L Morgan] to Bitteswell for modifications.				

Thursday 16th December 1971 [AIR 29/4199][GP][MB]

		?x	72 Sqn	Or RN?
Detachment				

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR541:34 returned from Bitteswell, see 3.5.71 Gnat T.1 XS100:57 [XS110]:62 4 FTS visited Coltishall.				
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Saturday 18th December 1971 [AIR 29/4199]

Gnats grounded possibly until 2.72 due to the need for fin structural modifications.				

Tuesday 21st December 1971 [BAR 72/05][MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP533:33 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3[prov] then CAT.2 Hunter T.7 XL601 delivery from 5 MU Kemble for 4 FTS becoming '88', see also 28.12 ? Hunter T.7 XL600:83 4 FTS visited Kemble, taxi for S/L Edmunds [crew ferry for XL601 ?]				

Wednesday 22nd December 1971 [AIR 27/3056]

XS774	-	Basset CC.1	32 Sqn	'RRR5202' S/L Wickham
From and to Northolt.				

Thursday 23rd December 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Station Commander and Padre flown to the Skerries Lighthouse with a Xmas hamper.				

Tuesday 28th December 1971 [MC 1/72][AIR 29/4199][BAR 72/05][AIR 27/3081]

XS609		Andover C.1	46 Sqn	'RRR4987' F/L Miles
Routed: Thorney Island-Aldergrove-Valley-Thorney Island.				
G-ARTD	-	PA-23 Apache 160	Private	From Coventry
	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Civilian patient flown from Liverpool to Stoke Mandeville.				
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL601:88 4 FTS delivery from 5 MU Kemble. [or 21.12 which is the date on F78]				

Thursday 30th December 1971 [AIR 27/3291]

XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	'RESCUE22' F/O Hurst
Climber at Cwm Pen Amdden who had fallen 50ft and fractured both legs, on arrival nothing seen and informed the casualty had been rescued by Police and Ambulance personnel.				

Friday 31st December 1971 [MC 2/72]

G-AWMS	-	HS.125-3B	RTZ	From Staverton
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