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RAF Valley

Aircraft Movements

1974

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**Additional Photos.
Additional 4 FTS movements.
Additional Sqn movements: 24/46/48 Sqn
Additional logbook movements.
Additional Gnat & movement details by Mike Bursell.**

SUMMARY

The fuel crisis of 1973 extended into 1974.

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

Based aircraft at Valley at the beginning of 1974 were:	
Gnat T.1 4 FTS	
XR538:01 XP502:02 XP503:03 XP504:04 XR535:05 XP506:06 XP537:07 XP516:16 XR980:17	
XS110:20XR571:23 XR574:24 XR951:26 XR571:27 XR953:29 XP532:32 XP533:33 XS105:35	
XS106:36 XR537:37 XP538:38 XP540:40 XP541:41 XP542:42 XS104:44 XR977:46 XR998:47	
XP500:50 XR983:53 XP535:54 XS100:57 XS102:58 XS109:63 XP530:64 XR534:65 XR996:66	
Hunter F.6 4 FTS	
XG209:69 XF527:70 XG274:71 XF383:72 XF509:73 XG185:74 XF386:75 XF526:78	
Hunter T.7 4 FTS	
XL609:80 XL621:81 XL591:82 XL600:83 XL567:84 WV372:85	
XL566:86 XL597:87 XL601:88 XL565:89 XL573:97	
Whirlwind HAR.10 C Flt/22 Sqn	
XJ429 XP347	
Whirlwind HAR.10 [H]CFS as allocated from Shawbury.	

January 1974 [AIR 29/4200]

Station Flight dealt with 97 movements including 4 VIP's.

Wednesday 2nd January 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293][AIR 27/3347]

		Canberra [E.15]	98 Sqn	F/O Gray & F/L Curd
From Cottesmore to calibrate the 787 at Valley, diverted to Marham on their return.				
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XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Beglan
2 men missing on Tryfan found uninjured.				

Monday 7th January 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3266][AIR 27/3293][AIR 29/4355]

5 Sqn arrived from Binbrook with 6 aircraft for their MPC.				
[4x F.6, 1x F.3 & a T.5]				
They were delayed from 4.1 due to the use of electricity over the weekend [1973 fuel crisis]				
5 Sqn MPC				
XR772	E	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
XS923	A	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
XS925	L	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
XR768	P	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
XP764	S	Lightning F.3	5 Sqn	MPC
XV328	T	Lightning T.5	5 Sqn	MPC
		Phantom FGR.2*	14 Sqn	STCAAME
		Phantom FGR.2*	14 Sqn	STCAAME
		Canberra T.17*	360 Sqn	STCAAME
		Canberra T.17*	360 Sqn	STCAAME
*All arrived to fly a chaff/window trial in preparation for their forthcoming MPC.				

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XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Nequest
Injured climber flown from Tryfan at night to Bangor Hospital.				

Tuesday 8th January 1974 [AIR 27/3313][Air 29/4355]

5 Sqn MPC no flying due to high winds and damage to Valley's main runway.				
		Puma HC.1	33 Sqn	
Mountain Flying Detachment 8-11.1				

Wednesday 9th January 1974 [Pprune Wwyvern logbook*][AIR 29/4355]

5 Sqn MPC no range slots due to various reasons. 14 & 360 Sqn completed their trial and returned to their bases.				
		Lightning F.3	5 Sqn	To & from Binbrook
		Phantom FGR.2	14 Sqn	To Bruggen, see 7.1
		Phantom FGR.2	14 Sqn	To Bruggen, see 7.1
		Canberra T.17	360 Sqn	To Cottesmore, see 7.1
		Canberra T.17	360 Sqn	To Cottesmore, see 7.1
XR523	AM	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	[NICO]
XR520	AB	Wessex HC.2*	72 Sqn	To Odiham
NICO, N Ireland changeover of aircraft.				

Thursday 10th January 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

5 Sqn MPC no range slots due to high winds and rain.				

Friday 11th January 1974 [AIR 27/3266][AIR 29/4355]

5 Sqn MPC no range slots due to crosswinds at Valley. XS901 was repaired by 71 MU and recovered by 5 Sqn groundcrew starting 4.1.74. See also 5.7.73 All 3 aircraft departed to Binbrook and used the short runway, 20/02.				
[XP764]	[S]	Lightning [F.3]	5 Sqn	To Binbrook
		Lightning	5 Sqn	To Binbrook
XS901	T	Lightning F.6	56 Sqn	To Binbrook

Saturday 12th January 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Beglan
Injured lady flown from Devil's Kitchen to Bangor Hospital.				

Monday 14th January 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

5 Sqn MPC no range slots due to weather at Llanbedr & Valley.				

Tuesday 15th January 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

5 Sqn MPC no range slots due to crosswinds at Llanbedr & Valley.				
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4 training sorties flown with Ulster Radar. The T.5 [XV328] suffered a birdstrike to the No.1 engine in the circuit.				
XR751	R	Lightning F.3	5 Sqn	From Binbrook, see 11.1
		Lightning	5 Sqn	From Binbrook, see 11.1

Wednesday 16th January 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

5 Sqn MPC no range slots due to bad weather.				

Thursday 17th January 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

5 Sqn MPC no range slots due to crosswinds & rain.				
		Lightning T.5	23 Sqn	STCAAME turnaround
		Lightning F.3	29 Sqn	STCAAME W/e stop

Friday 18th January 1974 [AIR 27/3266][AIR 27/3293][AIR 29/4355][MB]

5 Sqn MPC AM 1x Red Top fired [XS925 with chase XS923] AM 1x Red Top fired [XR772 with chase XR751] PM 1x Firestreak fired [XR751 with chase XS925] 5 Sqn departed back to Binbrook 16:30-17:00 post their MPC.				
XS925	L	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	To Binbrook
XS923	A	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	To Binbrook
XR772	E	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	To Binbrook
XR751	R	Lightning F.3	5 Sqn	To Binbrook
XV328	T	Lightning T.5	5 Sqn	To Binbrook
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XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Thomson
Search for drums of nitro cellulose.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR574:24 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble. Gnat T.1 XR953:29 4 FTS visited Kemble, taxi for pilot of XR574:24				

Sunday 20th January 1974 [DEFE 56/145][AIR 29/4355][AIR 27/3297]

17 Sqn arrived from Bruggen with 3 aircraft for their MPC. 17 Sqn MPC 20.1-1.2. Due to the fuel crisis, fuel was only available for MPC sorties. There were also regular power cuts during the detachment.				
XV462		Phantom FGR.2	17 Sqn	MPC
XV471		Phantom FGR.2	17 Sqn	MPC
XV488		Phantom FGR.2	17 Sqn	MPC
XV219	219	Hercules C.1	24 Sqn	'RRR4877' W/C Hardy
Routed: Lyneham-Bruggen-Valley[13:30/14:55]-Lyneham, 17 Sqn MPC support.				

Monday 21st January 1974 [AIR 29/4355][MB]

17 Sqn MPC PM 1x AIM-9D fired [XV462 with chase XV471] PM 1x AIM-9D fired [XV488 with chase XV471]				
		Phantom FGR.2	17 Sqn	MPC
Based noted: Hunter F.6 XG209:69 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 20.6.73				

Tuesday 22nd January 1974 [AIR 29/4355][AIR 27/3347]

17 Sqn MPC 4 th aircraft arrived from Bruggen.				
XV483		Phantom FGR.2	17 Sqn	MPC from Bruggen
		Canberra [E.15]	98 Sqn	F/L's Francis & Curd
Diversion from Cottesmore.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR951:26 XP542:42 4 FTS noted at Kemble.				

Wednesday 23rd January 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

17 Sqn MPC AM 1x AIM-7 fired [XV483 with chase XV471] This destroyed Jindivik composite serial LLAN-1				

Thursday 24th January 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

A 5 th aircraft arrived for 17 Sqn's MPC, it replaced an unserviceable one. 1x AIM-7 fired [XV483 with chase XV471] this destroyed Jindivik 103BL A92-617. PM 17 Sqn flew acquisition AIM-9 trials against RN Wessex helicopters.				
		Phantom FGR.2	17 Sqn	MPC from Bruggen
		Phantom FGR.2	17 Sqn	To Bruggen

Friday 25th January 1974 [AIR 27/3293]

XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Mitchell
Junior Leader with appendicitis flown from Llanbedr area to Bangor Hospital.				

Sunday 27th January 1974 [AIR 27/3293]

XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Fallen climber rescued from sea off North Stack and returned to Valley SMC.				

Monday 28th January 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

17 Sqn departed back to Bruggen post their MPC.				
		Phantom FGR.2	17 Sqn	To Bruggen
		Phantom FGR.2	17 Sqn	To Bruggen
		Phantom FGR.2	17 Sqn	To Bruggen
		Phantom FGR.2	17 Sqn	To Bruggen

Tuesday 29th January 1974 [MC 2/74][AIR 27/3293][MB]

XV217	217	Hercules C.1	48 Sqn	'RRR4328' F/L Parry
				
Routed: Lyneham-Valley[10:35/12:15]-Bruggen-Lyneham. 17 Sqn return MPC support. [Dewi Thomas Collection]				
XS771	-	Basset CC.1	26 Sqn	
XW352	3	JP T.5	RAFC	Poachers scheme
G-AWMS	-	HS.125-3B	RTZ	
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XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Mitchell
MEDEVAC, Manchester to Gobowen, refuelled at Ternhill.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 4 FTS XR538:01 XP504:04 XP506:06 XP537:07 XP516:16 XR980:17 XS110:20 XP532:32 XP540:40 XP541:41 XS104:44 XR977:46 XR998:47 XP500:50 Hunter F.6 4 FTS XF509:73 XF526:78 Hunter T.7 4 FTS XL609:80 XL600:83 XL567:84 XL565:89 Hunter T.7 XL567:84 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 16.9.73				

Thursday 31st January 1974 [AIR 27/3266][AIR 29/4355][MB]

5 Sqn MPC PM 1x Firestreak fired [XP764 with chase XR751] Both aircraft returned to Binbrook PM.				
XP764	S	Lightning F.3	5 Sqn	STCAAME
XR751	R	Lightning F.3	5 Sqn	STCAAME
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XM708:18 4 FTS visited Kemble, taxi for pilot of XR953:29 Gnat T.1 XR953:29 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing, return date is unknown. [1.2.74 may be the return date for XR953]				

February 1974 [AIR 29/4200]

Station Flight dealt with 78 movements including 3 VIP's.

February 1974 [AIR 27/3341]

		Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
		Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
Mountain Flying Detachment, no specific dates apart from a 3 day detachment.				

February 1974

XV756	D	Harrier GR.1A	233 OCU	
XV787	02	Harrier GR.1A	1 Sqn	
XV755	20	Harrier GR.1A	1 Sqn	
XV789	[F]	Harrier GR.1A	[4 Sqn]	

Friday 1st February 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

The Canberras arrived for the chaff/window dropping trials with 14 Sqn.				
		Canberra T.17	360 Sqn	STCAAME
		Canberra T.17	360 Sqn	STCAAME

Saturday 2nd February 1974 [AIR 29/4355][AIR 27/3305]

XV292	292	Hercules C.1	30 Sqn	'RRR4305' STCAAME F/L Mansell
14 Sqn MPC support from Bruggen at 14:00, departed to Lyneham 14:55.				

Sunday 3rd February 1974 [AIR 27/3283]

14 Sqn arrived from Bruggen with 4 aircraft for their MPC. 14 Sqn MPC 3-13.2 with the Canberras from 360 Sqn in attendance. 2x AIM-7 & 2x AIM-9 fired. Missile firings carried out with a chaff/window corridor laid by the Canberras.				
XV411	411	Phantom FGR.2	14 Sqn	MPC
XV421	421	Phantom FGR.2	14 Sqn	MPC
XV464	464	Phantom FGR.2	14 Sqn	MPC
XV501	501	Phantom FGR.2	14 Sqn	MPC
		Canberra T.17	360 Sqn	MPC F/L Thomson
		Canberra T.17	360 Sqn	MPC Lt Rowell

Monday 4th February 1974 [AIR 29/4355][MB]

14 Sqn MPC no firings due to a power failure at Aberporth. 2 Canberras & 3 Phantoms launched to the range but aborted due to the power failure.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR977:46 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 7.3				

Tuesday 5th February 1975 [AIR 27/3328][AIR 29/4355][AIR 27/3314]

14 Sqn MPC

AM 1x AIM-7 fired [XV411 with chase XV421] This resulted in the destruction of Jindivik 103BL A92-651. PM no range slots due to bad weather.				
XM649	-	Vulcan B.2	50 Sqn	Diversion at 13:28
XL445	-	Vulcan B.2*	35 Sqn	Diversion F/L Walby
*Routed: Akrotiri-Valley-Waddington.				

Wednesday 6th February 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

14 Sqn MPC no range slots due to crosswinds & heavy rain. OC 14 Sqn arrived for an overnight stay.				
[XV399]		Phantom FGR.2	14 Sqn	STCAAME N/stop

Thursday 7th February 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293][AIR 29/4355][MB]

14 Sqn MPC PM 1x AIM-9D fired [XV421 with chase XV411] 360 Sqn aircraft changeover due to unserviceability.				
		Canberra T.17	360 Sqn	To Cottesmore
		Canberra T.17	360 Sqn	From Cottesmore
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XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Easthope
4 students from 4 FTS capsized a dinghy in Cymyran Bay. 3 survivors recovered from rocks and flown to Valley SMC but a search for the 4 th failed to find anyone. This was P/O Gareth Owen Leaker whose body was eventually recovered 31.3.74, cremated at Bangor.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS106:36 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 9.10.73 Whirlwind HAR.10 XP299 22 Sqn delivered to Coltishall.				

Friday 8th February 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293][AIR 29/4355][AIR 27/3326]

14 Sqn MPC no range slots due to bad weather. 360 Sqn having completed their detachment & departed back to Cottesmore.				
		Canberra T.17	360 Sqn	To Cottesmore
		Canberra T.17	360 Sqn	To Cottesmore
XS612		Andover C.1	46 Sqn	'RRR5552' F/L Young
Routed: Thorney Island-Valley[14:35/15:50]-Northolt-Thorney Island.				
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XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Easthope
Search resumed for the missing 4 FTS Student, see 7.2.74.				

Saturday 9th February 1974 [AIR 27/3326]

XS638		Andover C.1	46 Sqn	'RRR961' F/L Adams
From & to Thorney Island, arrived 11:15 & departed 12:30.				

Monday 11th February 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

14 Sqn MPC no range slots due to bad weather.				
XV411	411	Phantom FGR.2	14 Sqn	MPC

Tuesday 12th February 1974 [AIR 27/3313]

14 Sqn MPC PM 1x AIM-9D fired [XV421 with chase XV411]				
		Puma HC.1	33 Sqn	F/L Recton
Mountain Flying Detachment until 13 or 14.2				

Wednesday 13th February 1974 [AIR 27/3283][AIR 29/4355][MB]

14 Sqn departed back to Bruggen post their MPC. The 5 Sqn tried to fire 2 remaining MPC missiles but were unsuccessful. Both 5 Sqn aircraft returned to Binbrook at 16:45.				
XV411	411	Phantom FGR.2	14 Sqn	To Bruggen
XV421	421	Phantom FGR.2	14 Sqn	To Bruggen
XV464	464	Phantom FGR.2	14 Sqn	To Bruggen
XV501	501	Phantom FGR.2	14 Sqn	To Bruggen
XS925	L	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	STCAAME
XV328	T	Lightning T.5	5 Sqn	STCAAME
XN600		JP T.3	[5 MU]	To Kemble then St Athan
		Phantom FGR.2*		STCAAME
*Diverted in from Coningsby, departed PM.				

Thursday 14th February 1974 1969 [MB]

Based noted: Hunter F.6 XG164 4 FTS delivered back to 229 OCU [end of loan ? see 7.9.73] [XG164 subsequently served with 229 OCU/TWU before becoming 8681M to 1 SoTT, Halton 9.10.81 for ground instruction. It then went to Shawbury 9.10.96 before being sold to Military Aircraft Spares Ltd 16.3.01 then to the Davidstow Airfield & Cornwall at War Museum]				

Friday 15th February 1974 [AIR 29/4355][AIR 27/3297]

XV306	306	Hercules C.1	24 Sqn	'RRR4306' S/L Myles
Routed: Lyneham-Valley[09:15/11:10]-Bruggen, return of 14 Sqn MPC support.				

Saturday 16th February 1974 [AIR 27/3297]

XV295	295	Hercules C.1	24 Sqn	'RRR4306'
Routed: Bruggen-Bardufoss-Valley-Lyneham.				

Sunday 17th February 1974 [AIR 29/4355][MB]

2 Sqn MPC support arrived, by air ?				
		?		

Based noted:
Gnat T.1 XM708:18 4 FTS suffered CAT.3R damage, repaired on site by 71 MU from 7.3
[Repairs complete 17.7 & back to 4 FTS 18.7]

Monday 18th February 1974 [DEFE 58/92][DEFE 56/145][AIR 29/4355]

2 Sqn arrived from Laarbruch with 4 aircraft for their MPC. 2 Sqn MPC 18-21.2. PM no range slots due to Jindivik being unserviceable.				
XV470	[W]	Phantom FGR.2	2 Sqn	MPC
XV441	[T]	Phantom FGR.2	2 Sqn	MPC
XV417	[E]	Phantom FGR.2	2 Sqn	MPC
		Phantom FGR.2	2 Sqn	MPC

Tuesday 19th February 1974 [DEFE 58/92]

2 Sqn MPC AM 1x missile fired [XV470 chased by XV417] AM 1x missile fired [XV441 chased by XV417] PM 1x missile fired [XV470 chased by XV417] PM 1x missile fired [XV441 chased by XV417]				
XV470	[W]	Phantom FGR.2	2 Sqn	MPC
XV441	[T]	Phantom FGR.2	2 Sqn	MPC
XV417	[E]	Phantom FGR.2	2 Sqn	MPC

Thursday 21st February 1974 [AIR 29/4355][AIR 27/3305][AIR 27/3327]

XV212	212	Hercules C.1	30 Sqn	'RRR4418' F/L Wetton
Arrived from Lyneham at 14:55, N/stop.				
XV177	177	Hercules C.1	48 Sqn	'RRR4417' F/L Dignan
Routed: Lyneham-Valley[10:25/11:55]-Laarbruch.				

Friday 22nd February 1974 [AIR 27/3305]

XV212	212	Hercules C.1	30 Sqn	To Wildenrath 10:15, see 21.2
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Saturday 23rd February 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

2 Sqn departed back to Laarbruch post their MPC. They would have departed earlier but Laarbruch was shrouded in fog.				
XV470	[W]	Phantom FGR.2	2 Sqn	To Laarbruch
XV441	[T]	Phantom FGR.2	2 Sqn	To Laarbruch
XV417	[E]	Phantom FGR.2	2 Sqn	To Laarbruch
		Phantom FGR.2	2 Sqn	To Laarbruch

Sunday 24th February 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XP347	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Mitchell
Section Leader K Williams a station fireman burnt in an accident flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Monday 25th February 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

Scrambled from Wattisham direct to Aberporth Range. AM 1x Firestreak fired [XR748 no chase for the actual firing] Chase aircraft returned direct to Wattisham due to a fuel problem with the ventral tank.				
XR748	M	Lightning F.3	111 Sqn	STCAAME

Tuesday 26th February 1974 [AIR 29/4200]

		?	[HSA]	
A team from Hawker Siddeley Aviation gave a presentation on the HS.1182 Hawk. Present were Mr P Martin, D Simpson, G Hudson & G Hodson, arrived by air?				

Wednesday 27th February 1974 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XM706:12 4 FTS repairs complete, see 1.11.73 Gnat T.1 XM709:09 4 FTS suffered CAT.3R damage, repaired on site by 71 MU from 7.3 [Repairs complete 25.7 but 5 MU Kemble records report it arriving from Valley 12.6.74] Gnat T.1 XP500:50 4 FTS declared CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 8.3.74 Gnat T.1 XP516:16 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 7.3 [XP516 was deferred/flyable until 29.5.74] Gnat T.1 XP538:38 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 7.3 [this was it's second repair, see 11.10.73 but deferred as flyable] Gnat T.1 XS102:58 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R [deferred/flyable] [XS102 was repaired on site by 71 MU from 8.3]				

Thursday 28th February 1974 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XM706:12 4 FTS transferred to CFS, see 27.2				

March 1974 [AIR 29/4200]

Station Flight dealt with 225 movements including 6 VIP's. No MPC or STCAAME movements for March after 226 OCU cancelled their MPC.				
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Friday 1st March 1974 [MC 4/74]

G-AWMS	-	HS.125-3B	RTZ	From Staverton
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Early March 1974 [BARG]

Based noted: Whirlwind HAR.10 C Flt/22 Sqn XJ429 XP299 Meteor TT.20 WD702 in Hangar Fire dump:				
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Varsity T.1 WL689:N

Saturday 9th March 1974 [AIR 27/3293]

XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Easthope
2 separate casualties flown from Ogwen to Bangor Hospital.				

Tuesday 12th March 1974 [AIR 27/3293]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Thomson
One person flown from a boat with a failed engine at Starvation Island to Rhosneigr Beach.				

Wednesday 13th March 1974 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR534:65 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for servicing.				

Tuesday 19th March 1974 [MB]

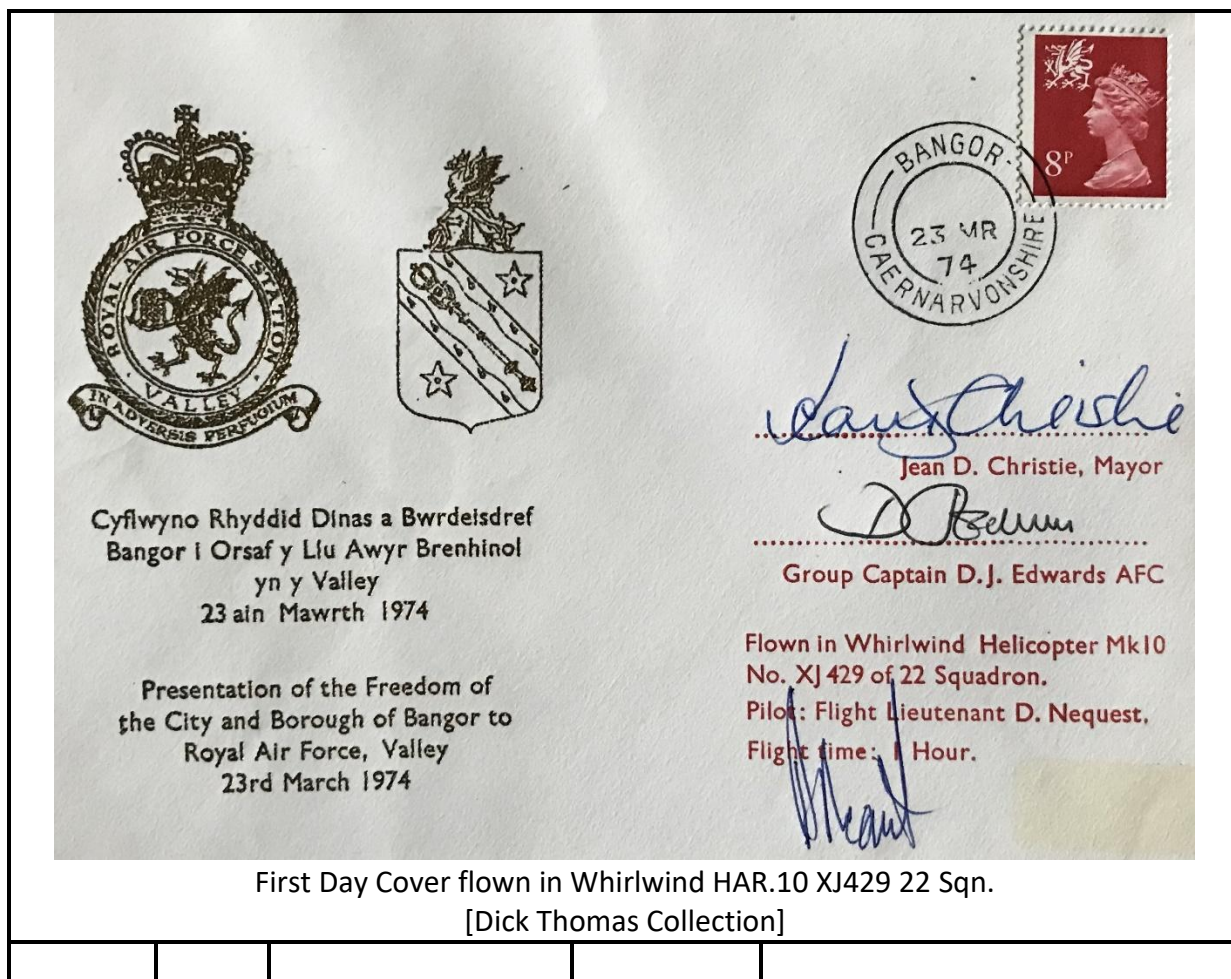
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP536:27 4 FTS reassessed as CAT.2R and returned to 4 FTS, see 1.11.73 Gnat T.1 XS100:57 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 18.9.72				

Thursday 21st March 1974 [AIR 29/4200]

		Hunter	4 FTS	F/L Gosling
Actual forced landing at Llanbedr due to engine seizure.				

Saturday 23rd March 1974 [AIR 29/4200]

RAF Valley granted the Freedom of Bangor. AM Sir H Martin in attendance.				



Thursday 28th March 1974 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP504:04 4 FTS visited Kemble, crew taxi for XR984:52 Gnat T.1 XR984:52 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble.				

Sunday 31st March 1974 [AIR 27/3293]

	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Easthope
Body from Cymyran Bay, see 7.2				

April 1974 [AIR 29/4200]

Station Flight dealt with 225 movements including 6 VIP's.				
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April 1974 [AIR 29/4200]

		?x Puma HC.1	230 Sqn	
Mountain Flying Detachment.				

April 1974 [TR]

A selection of photos dated 4.74 taken by Tudor Rowlands.				
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XS218	61	JP T.4	3 FTS	
 Note the Station buildings are painted white prior to the drab green of later years. [Tudor Rowlands]				
XP535	54	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	
 [Tudor Rowlands]				
XL565	89	Hunter T.7	4 FTS	
 [Tudor Rowlands]				

April 1974 [AIR 29/4200]

		Wasp HAS.1	829 NAS	
Mountain Flying Detachment.				

Monday 1st April 1974 [AIR 29/4355][AIR 27/3326]

All the STCAAME based aircraft arrived for Exercise Skywatch. A 4 FTS Hunter T.7 was also used to film the firings. The Andover provided Exercise support.				
XV328	T	Lightning T.5	5 Sqn	STCAAME
XS416	T	Lightning T.5	11 Sqn	STCAAME
XP761	P	Lightning F.3	11 Sqn	STCAAME

XR720	M	Lightning F.3	11 Sqn	STCAAME
XV575	C	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	STCAAME
XV579	R	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	STCAAME
XS603		Andover C.1	46 Sqn	'RRR5677' STCAAME
Routed: Thorney Island-Binbrook-Valley[10:30/15:30]-Thorney Island.				

Tuesday 2nd April 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

Exercise Skywatch. The Phantoms & Lightning flew a familiarisation flight over Aberporth Range, see 1.4. The 4 FTS Hunter T.7 also flew.				

Wednesday 3rd April 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

Exercise Skywatch no firings due to fog, mist & crosswinds.				
		Andover C.1		Departed, see 1.4

Thursday 4th April 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

Exercise Skywatch no firings due to fog, mist & crosswinds.				

Friday 5th April 1974 [DEFE 56/145][AIR 29/4355]

Exercise Skywatch. AM 1x Firestreak fired [XP761 with chase XS416] AM 1x Firestreak fired [XV328 with chase XS416] AM 1x Firestreak fired [XV328 with chase XS416] AM 2x Sparrow fired [both by XV575 with chase XR720] On the second one a Meteor was destroyed.				
XV328	T	Lightning T.5	5 Sqn	To Binbrook, see 1.4
XS416	T	Lightning T.5	11 Sqn	To Binbrook, see 1.4
XP761	P	Lightning F.3	11 Sqn	To Binbrook, see 1.4
XR720	M	Lightning F.3	11 Sqn	To Binbrook, see 1.4

Saturday 6th April 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

Exercise Skywatch.				
XV575	C	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	To Leuchars, see 1.4
XV579	R	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	To Leuchars, see 1.4

Monday 8th April 1974 [AIR 27/3293]

XP346	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	From St Mawgan with spares
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Thursday 11th April 1974 [MC 5/74][AIR 29/4355]

		Belfast C.1	53 Sqn	STCAAME
From Gutersloh with missiles for 19 & 92 Sqn's MPC.				

XW614	-	Scout AH.1	653 Sqn/AAC	To Staverton
Home Based at Netheravon.				

Sunday 14th April 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XR457	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Easthope
Injured man flown from Bardsey Island to Bangor Hospital having been run over by a tractor.				

Monday 22nd April 1974 [AIR 27/3288][AIR 29/4355]

19 Sqn arrived from Gutersloh with 5 aircraft for their MPC. 19 Sqn MPC 22-26.4, 6 missiles fired in total. The support Belfast diverted to Brize Norton with No.2 engine problems.				
XN771	P	Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	MPC
XN793	H	Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	MPC
XN789	J	Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	MPC
XN724	F	Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	MPC
XN777	K	Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	MPC
		Hunter T.7*		STCAAME
*Arrived with AOC 11 Group for an informal visit to STCAAME.				

Tuesday 23rd April 1974 [AIR 27/3288][AIR 29/4355][AIR 27/3305]

19 Sqn MPC AM no range slots due to crosswinds at Llanbedr. PM 1x Firestreak fired [XN771] PM 1x Firestreak fired [XN724 with chase XN771] PM 1x Firestreak fired [XN783] PM 1x Firestreak fired [XN777 with chase XN783]				
XV195	195	Hercules C.1	30 Sqn	'RRR774' F/L Sheasby
From Brize Norton at 11:20 with 19 Sqn MPC support which had diverted there 22.4. Departed back to Lyneham at 12:10				

Wednesday 24th April 1974 [AIR 27/3288]

19 Sqn MPC AM 1x Firestreak fired [XN789 with chase XN777] PM no range slots due to other users. *OC 19 Sqn arrived from Gutersloh to fly as chase, departed back to Gutersloh later.				
XN781	B	Lightning F.2A*	19 Sqn	STCAAME from Gutersloh 09:00
XN771	P	Lightning F.2A*	19 Sqn	To Gutersloh 13:00

Thursday 25th April 1974 [AIR 27/3288]

19 Sqn MPC AM no range slots due to other users. PM 1x Firestreak fired [XN781 with chase XN777]				
XN783	G	Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	To Gutersloh
XN789	J	Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	To Gutersloh

Friday 26th April 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3288][AIR 27/3293][AIR 29/4355]

19 Sqn departed back to Gutersloh via Coltishall post their MPC. They picked up replacement missiles at Coltishall before returning to Gutersloh.				
		Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	To Coltishall
		Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	To Coltishall
		Lightning F.2A	19 Sqn	To Coltishall
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XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Nequest
Search for a man missing in a dinghy up to 25nms off Pwllheli, nothing found. Also, a further search for a boat off Bardsey Island was carried out by XR457 [F/O Easthope], nothing found.				

Saturday 27th April 1974 [AIR 27/3331][AIR 29/4355]

XR364	364	Belfast C.1	53 Sqn	'RRR9544' F/L Breslain
Routed: Brize Norton-Valley-Gutersloh-Brize Norton, return of 19 Sqn MPC support.				

Sunday 28th April 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XJ429	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Easthope
Moelfre inshore rescue boat with dinghy in tow reported in difficulties on rocks with a strong onshore wind, found safe on arrival.				

Monday 29th April 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

The 2 Phantoms collected missiles left over from Exercise Skywatch, see 1.4.				
		Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	STCAAME
		Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	STCAAME

Tuesday 30th April 1974 [AIR 27/3293]

XP299	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	From Coltishall
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May 1974 [AIR 29/4200]

Station Flight dealt with 200 movements including 7 VIP's.				
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Thursday 2nd May 1974 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP503:03 4 FTS returned from surface finishing at 5 MU Kemble. [the date it flew to Kemble is unknown]				

Friday 3rd May 1974 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XM705:10 4 FTS visited Kemble, collected documents.				

Monday 6th May 1974 [Roger Malcolm*][AIR 27/3307][AIR 29/4355][AIR 27/3297]

92 Sqn arrived [4x F.2A & 1x T.4] from Gutersloh AM for their MPC. 92 Sqn MPC 6-9.5 1 engine change carried out at Valley [XN792]				
XN791	D	Lightning F.2A	92 Sqn	MPC
XN780	K	Lightning F.2A*	92 Sqn	MPC
XN727	W	Lightning F.2A*	92 Sqn	MPC
XN792	M	Lightning F.2A	92 Sqn	MPC
XM968	Q	Lightning T.4	92 Sqn	MPC
XV299	299	Hercules C.1	24 Sqn	'RRR4678' F/L Hale
Routed: Lyneham-Gutersloh-Valley[14:40/15:20]-Lyneham, 92 Sqn MPC support.				

Tuesday 7th May 1974 [AIR 27/3293][AIR 29/4355]

92 Sqn MPC AM 1x Firestreak fired [XN791 with chase XN780] AM 1x Firestreak fired [XN792 with chase XN780] PM no range slots due to Jindivik & Aberporth Radar unserviceability's				
XN775	B	Lightning F.2A	92 Sqn	MPC from & to Gutersloh
Arrived at 15:00 to replace an unserviceable aircraft. However, it also became unserviceable and returned to Gutersloh at 17:15.				
		?		
COMSOUMAR, AVM Bird-Wilson visited 22 Sqn, by air ?				

Wednesday 8th May 1974 [Roger Malcolm*][**MB**]

92 Sqn MPC OC 92 Sqn paid a day visit from Gutersloh at 10:08. AM 1x Firestreak fired [XN791* with chase XN787] AM 1x Firestreak fired [XN780 with chase XN787]				
XN787	L	Lightning F.2A	92 Sqn	STCAAME OC 19 Sqn
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR537:37 4 FTS [F/L Roome] delivered from Bitteswell post rebuild.				

Thursday 9th May 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

92 Sqn MPC AM 1x Firestreak fired [XN727 with chase XN791] 1 aircraft arrived from Gutersloh to deliver spares. 92 Sqn departed back to Gutersloh [4x F.2A 1x T.4] PM post their MPC. 1 aircraft [XN792] which required an engine change was left behind, departed 14.5. Groundcrew stayed at Valley for an extra 4 days.				
		Lightning F.2A	92 Sqn	STCAAME from Gutersloh
XN791	D	Lightning F.2A	92 Sqn	To Gutersloh
XN780	K	Lightning F.2A	92 Sqn	To Gutersloh
XN727	W	Lightning F.2A	92 Sqn	To Gutersloh
XN787	L	Lightning F.2A	92 Sqn	To Gutersloh

XM968	Q	Lightning T.4	92 Sqn	To Gutersloh
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Friday 10th May 1974 [AIR 27/3307]

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Saturday 11th May 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

		?x Gnat T.1	Red Arrows	Departed 12.5
Flew numerous displays over the weekend.				
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XP299	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Nequest
Injured girl flown from Tryfan to Bangor Hospital.				

Sunday 12th May 1974 [AIR 27/3331][AIR 29/4355]

XR367	367	Belfast C.1	53 Sqn	'RRR9521' F/L Embleton
Routed: Brize Norton-Valley-Gutersloh-Brize Norton, return of 92 Sqn MPC support.				

Monday 13th May 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XP299	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Easthope
2 boys missing from a drifting dinghy in Cemlyn Bay airlifted to Coastguard Station.				

Tuesday 14th May 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293][AIR 29/4355]

XN792	M	Lightning F.2A	92 Sqn	To Gutersloh, see 9.5
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XR457	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Beglan
Injured girl on Snowdon, reached safety before the helicopter arrived.				

Wednesday 15th May 1974 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP511:11 4 FTS delivered to 5 MU.				

Thursday 16th May 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XR457	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Mitchell
Climber on stretcher flown from Puffin Island to Bangor Hospital.				

Friday 17th May 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293][MB]

XP299	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Nequest
Boy taken to Bangor Hospital after falling down a cliff at Llanbedrog.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR571:23 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 29.10.73				

Sunday 19th May 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XR457	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Nequest
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Injured climber 150ft below Clogwyn, lifted by extension rope technique and flown to Bangor Hospital.

Friday 24th May 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 29/4355]

5 Sqn Firestreak firing, this was the last remaining missile from their MPC. *Both landed at Valley 11:42 & returned to Binbrook PM. Resulted in a misfire. **The F.3 collected 2 missiles to return to Binbrook.				
XR772	E	Lightning F.6*	5 Sqn	STCAAME
XP753	X	Lightning F.3*	5 Sqn	STCAAME
		Lightning F.3**	5 Sqn	STCAAME
		?		
Chief of the Air Staff, ACM Sir A Humphrey visited, by air?				

Saturday 25th May 1974 [AIR 27/3293]

XR457	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Damson
Climber from Clogwyn flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Sunday 26th May 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XP299	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Thomson
Boy with suspected appendicitis flown from a yacht to Ronaldsway, IoM.				

Monday 27th May 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XP299	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Beglan
Search for source of flares seen off Barrow, trawler taken in tow by another trawler, no assistance required. Also, Boy, Mother & Doctor flown from Porthmadog to Bangor Hospital following a road traffic accident with XR459 [F/L Thomson].				

Wednesday 29th May 1974 [BARG][AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293][MB]

		?x [Scout AH.1]	666 Sqn/AAC	
Mountain Flying Detachment from Middle Wallop.				
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XP299	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Beglan
Man with a broken ankle flown from Snowdon to Bangor Hospital. [Mr Jarvis]				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 4 FTS XP502:02 XR535:05 XP537:07 XR980:17 [ex H/CFS] XS110:20 XR571:27 XP532:32 XS104:44 XR998:47 XP500:50 XR983:53 XS102:58 XS109:63 Gnat T.1 XR977:46 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 4.2.74 Hunter F.6 4 FTS XG209:69 XF527:70 XF383:72 XG185:74 XF386:75 XF526:78 Hunter T.7 4 FTS XL609:80 XL591:82 XL600:83 WV372:85 XL566:86 XL597:87 XL573:97 Whirlwind HAR.10 C Flt/22 Sqn				

XP299 XR457 Whirlwind HAR.10 CFS Detachment XP405:D XJ727:L XP331:T XN127:W Meteor TT.20 WD702 noted near one of the Hangars

Thursday 30th May 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XP299	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Beglan
Scrambled for a Hunter which had 2 burst tyres after landing, no assistance required.				

Friday 31st May 1974 [AIR 29/4200]

Rehearsal for the visit of HRH Princess Anne. Rehearsal static and flying display.				

June 1974 [AIR 29/4200]

Station Flight dealt with 354 movements including 8 VIP's.
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Monday 3rd June 1974 [AIR 27/3293]

Based noted: Whirlwind HAR.10 XP299 22 Sqn air test after an engine change.				

Tuesday 4th June 1974 [Pprune Beagle logbook*]

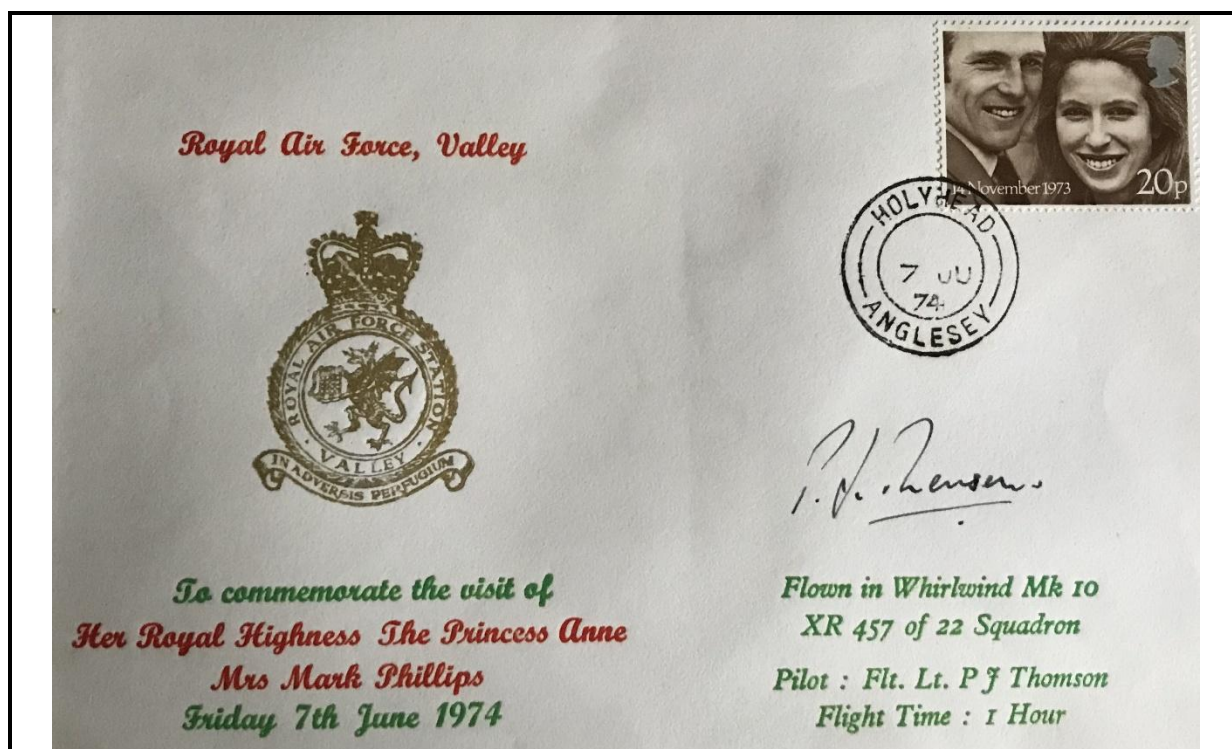
XW336	6	JP T.5*	RAFC	NAVEX N/stop
*Local sortie carried out PM.				

Wednesday 5th June 1974 [Pprune Beagle logbook][AIR 29/4355]

The 11 Sqn Lightnings delivered missiles for their forthcoming MPC.				
		Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	STCAAME
		Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	STCAAME
XW336	6	JP T.5*	RAFC	NAVEX back to Cranwell

Friday 7th June 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 29/4250]

XS790	-	Andover CC.2	Queens Flt	'RRR1351'
HRH Princess Anne visit, included a static and flying display, see also 31.5 A Phantom & Lightning from STCAAME were also part of the static display. Also included was a sectioned Firestreak missile and a Jindivik from Llanbedr. Routed: Benson-Valley-Salmesbury-Blackpool-Heathrow-Benson.				



First Day Cover flown in Whirlwind HAR.10 XR457 22 Sqn.

[Dick Thomas Collection]

		Lightning	[11 Sqn]	Static display
		Phantom		Static display
		Jindivik	RAE Llanbedr	Static display

Sunday 9th June 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XR457	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Beglan
Flares seen off Fleetwood; area searched but nothing found.				

Monday 10th June 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293][AIR 29/4355]

The 11 Sqn Lightnings delivered missiles for their forthcoming MPC.				
		Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	STCAAME
		Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	STCAAME
		Wessex HU.5*	848 NAS	
		Wessex HU.5*	848 NAS	
		Wessex HU.5*	848 NAS	
		Wessex HU.5*	848 NAS	
*4 aircraft Mountain Flying Detachment with 3 Sqn/CFS[H] until 13.6				
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XP299	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Beglan
J/T Stone CASEVAC to RAF Cosford.				

Tuesday 11th June 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293][AIR 29/4355]

		Chipmunk T.10		OC STCAAME
Visited Aberporth from Valley.				

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XP299	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Easthope
Scrambled to a Chipmunk T.10 overhead Mona with engine problems, aircraft landed safely at Valley.				
XR457	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Nequest
Boat reported on fire off Barmouth towed to safety by Barmouth Lifeboat.				

Wednesday 12th June 1974 [AIR 29/4355][MB]

		Lightning T.5		STCAAME
Pre AOC's inspection visit by W/C St Aubyn & S/L Allchin from 11 Group.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XM706:12 4 FTS returned from CFS, see 28.2.74 Gnat T.1 XM709:09 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble.				

Thursday 13th June 1974 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP538:38 repairs complete back to 4 FTS 14.6, see also 11.10.73 & 27.2.74				

Friday 14th June 1974 [Pprune BEagle logbook*][AIR 29/4200]

XW367	[-]	JP T.5*	RAFC	NAVEX from & to Cranwell
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Saturday 15th June 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XR457	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Nequest
Climber with broken leg lifted from Devil's Kitchen to Bangor Hospital.				

Monday 17th June 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3280][AIR 29/4355]

11 Sqn [6 aircraft] arrived from Binbrook at 10:00 for their MPC. 11 Sqn MPC 17-29.6. PM range slot cancelled due to Jindivik problems. At Midnight on Monday night Exercise 'Ageless Empire' was initiated. 11 Sqn's 6 aircraft were brought to readiness as a result.				
XR757	D	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XR765	C	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XS931	G	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XR769	J	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XR724	K	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XS904	A	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XS456		Lightning T.5	11 Sqn	MPC OC 11 Sqn arrived 15:55
		?x Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
Mountain Flying Detachment with 3 Sqn/CFS[H] until 20.6				

Tuesday 18th June 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3280][AIR 27/3293]

11 Sqn MPC				
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AM no range slots due to Jindivik control problems. PM 1x Red Top fired [XR757 with chase XR765] PM 1x Red Top fired [XR769 with chase XR757] This resulted in the destruction of Jindivik 103BL A92-615.				
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XP299	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Beglan
Search for boat in Dee Estuary, found safe on arrival.				

Wednesday 19th June 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

11 Sqn MPC no range slots due to bad weather.				

Thursday 20th June 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

11 Sqn MPC				
XR769	J	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Binbrook 16:35
Flew back to Binbrook as the undercarriage was slow to lower.				
XR727	F	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	From Binbrook 16:35

Friday 21st June 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3280][AIR 27/3293][AIR 29/4355]

11 Sqn MPC				
PM 1x Red Top fired [XR724 with chase XR757]				
XR724	K	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XR757	D	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XR727	F	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XS904	A	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	
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XP299	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Beglan
Swimmer transferred from Llandudno beach to local Hospital. Also, search for a boat drifting in Church Bay, 5 people airlifted and taken to the beach by XP299 [F/L Thomson].				

Sunday 23rd June 1974 [AIR 29/4200]

Based noted: ATC Summer Camp air experience flying. 2x Chipmunk T.10				

Monday 24th June 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

11 Sqn MPC				
AM no range slots due to shipping.				
PM 1x Red Top fired [XS904 with chase XR757]				
The Lightning* delivered more missiles and returned with an unserviceable one to Binbrook.				
		Lightning F.6*	11 Sqn	STCAAME
		Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Binbrook PM
		Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Binbrook PM

Tuesday 25th June 1974 [AIR 29/4200][BAR 74/08][AIR 27/3293][AIR 29/4355]

11 Sqn MPC range slots cancelled due to shipping on the range.				
XS931	G	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XR757	D	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XR727	F	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
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XP299	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Nequest
Injured climber flown from Crib Goch to Bangor Hospital.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR569:08 4 FTS delivered to Kemble.				

Wednesday 26th June 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

11 Sqn MPC PM no range slots due to crosswinds at Llanbedr.				
		Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Binbrook

Thursday 27th June 1974 [AIR 29/4355][MB]

11 Sqn MPC 2 aircraft from Binbrook, 1 returned to Binbrook later.				
		Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	From Binbrook AM
		Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	From Binbrook AM
Gnat T.1 Red Arrows XP531 XP539 XR572 XR955 XR987 XR991 XR993 XS107 XS111				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP516:16 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 27.2.74				

Friday 28th June 1974 [MC 8/74][AIR 29/4200]

11 Sqn MPC no range slots due to crosswinds at Llanbedr. 11 Sqn departed back to Binbrook PM post their MPC. 1 aircraft stayed at STCAAME over the weekend.				
XS904	A	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Binbrook
XR765	C	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Binbrook
XR757	D	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Binbrook
XS931	G	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Binbrook
XR727	F	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Binbrook
XR724	K	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Binbrook
XS456	T	Lightning T.5	11 Sqn	To Binbrook
XS737	K	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XW311	69	JP T.5	1 FTS	
Gnat T.1 Red Arrows/CFS active 27-28.6 carried out 5 practice displays. See 27.6 for serials.				

Saturday 29th June 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3280][AIR 27/3293]

XP299	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Thomson
2 men in a drifting boat off Nefyn, found safe on arrival.				

July 1974 [AIR 29/4200]

Station Flight dealt with 397 movements including 5 VIP's.
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Monday 1st July 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3266][AIR 27/3293][AIR 29/4355]

5 Sqn arrived from Binbrook at 10:00 with 5 aircraft for their MPC. 5 Sqn MPC no range slots due to crosswinds at Llanbedr. 4 aircraft flew a familiarisation flight.				
XR758	B	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
XR726	N	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
XR772	E	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
XR768	P	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
XS925	L	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
		Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Binbrook, see 28.6
XL898	30:ED	Whirlwind HAR.9	[NAS]	
XL880	35:ED	Whirlwind HAR.9	[NAS]	
HMS Endurance Mountain Flying Detachment until 5.7.				
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XP299	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Easthope
Seaman airlifted from Shell tanker 'Donax' off Point Lynas and taken to Bangor Hospital.				

Tuesday 2nd July 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

5 Sqn MPC AM 1x Red Top fired [XR758 with chase XS925] AM 1x Red Top fired [XR726 with chase XR772] PM no range slots due to weather at Llanbedr. The F.3 delivered spares, returning to Binbrook same day. *23 Sqn TACEVAL firing, aborted then recovered to Valley.				
		Lightning F.3	5 Sqn	STCAAME
XR723	[F]	Lightning F.6*	23 Sqn	STCAAME
XR770	L	Lightning F.6*	23 Sqn	STCAAME

Wednesday 3rd July 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

5 Sqn MPC no range slots due to crosswinds at Llanbedr.				

Thursday 4th July 1974 [AIR 29/4355]

5 Sqn MPC no range slots due to bad weather.				

Friday 5th July 1974 [BAR 74/07][AIR 29/4355][GP]

5 Sqn MPC no range slots due to crosswinds at Llanbedr.				
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5 Sqn flew local sorties instead.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS109:63 4 FTS Greenham Common Airshow, static. XS109 also visited Coltishall.				

Monday 8th July 1974 [AIR 27/3266][AIR 29/4355]

5 Sqn MPC AM 1x Red Top fired [XR772 with chase XR726] AM 1x Red Top fired [XR768 with chase XR758] 5 Sqn departed back to Binbrook at 14:00 post their MPC.				
XR772	E	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	To Binbrook
XR768	P	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	To Binbrook
XR726	N	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	To Binbrook
XR758	B	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	To Binbrook
[XS925]	[L]	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	To Binbrook

Saturday 13th July 1974 [AIR 29/4250]

XV733	-	Wessex HCC.4	Queens Flt	'RRR1324'
Routed: Benson-Aberystwyth-Valley-Benson, Harold Wilson MP.				

Tuesday 16th July 1974 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP542:42 delivered from CFS to 4 FTS, see 7.11.72				

Wednesday 17th July 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293][MB]

	-	?	22 Sqn	From St Mawgan
XR457	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Nequest
Swimmer in difficulties off Towyn, rescued by Lifeboat, no assistance required.				
Based noted: [Gnat T.1 XR542 is mentioned as departing Kemble for Valley on this date but XR542 crashed at Valley 9.3.65]				

Saturday 20th July 1974 [AIR 29/4200][BAR 74/08][AIR 27/3293]

XR457	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Nequest
Search for walker in the Carneddau, Snowdonia, found safely.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS106:36 4 FTS Leconfield Airshow, flying. Gnat T.1 XS106:36 4 FTS Binbrook Airshow. Gnat T.1 XS109:63 4 FTS Binbrook Airshow.				

Monday 22nd July 1974 [AIR 27/3326]

XS639		Andover C.1	46 Sqn	'RRR5757' F/L Watts
Routed: Thorney Island-Cranwell-Hatfield-Valley[10:35/12:45]-Northolt-Hatfield-Cranwell-Thorney Island.				

Tuesday 23rd July 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XR457	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Thomson
Search for canoeist off Pwllheli, body found.				

Wednesday 24th July 1974 [AIR 27/3266][AIR 27/3280][MB]

5 & 11 Sqn had 1 missile each leftover from their MPC's. The Lightnings operated direct from Binbrook to Aberporth and landed at Valley. 5 Sqn PM 1x Red Top fired [XS903 with chase XS925] 11 Sqn PM 1x Red Top fired [XR757 with chase XR725]				
XR757	D	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	STCAAME
XR725		Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	STCAAME
XS903	C	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	STCAAME
XS925	L	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	STCAAME
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR534:65 returned from 5 MU Kemble post servicing, see 13.3.74				

Thursday 25th July 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293][AIR 29/4355]

5 & 11 Sqn TACEVAL firings. 5 Sqn AM 1x Firestreak fired [XR751 with chase XS922] 11 Sqn AM 2 aborted firings All aircraft diverted to STCAAME for turnrounds.				
XR751	R	Lightning F.3	5 Sqn	STCAAME
XS922	H	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	STCAAME
XP761	O	Lightning F.3	11 Sqn	STCAAME
XR757	D	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	STCAAME
XS456	[T]	Lightning T.5	11 Sqn	STCAAME
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XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Nequest
Police cadet suffering from exposure airlifted from Snowdon to Bangor Hospital.				

Friday 26th July 1974 [AIR 27/3280]

TACEVAL Part.1 missile firing, did it land at Valley ?				
XP761	O	Lightning F.3	11 Sqn	Missile firing F/O K J Middleton

Saturday 27th July 1974 [AIR 29/4200][BAR 74/08]

XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Mitchell
Skin diver airlifted from cliffs at Rhoscolyn. Upturned dinghy near Trearddur Bay, 3 men winched to shore.				
XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Mitchell

Capsized dinghy near Trearddur Bay, 3 men winched ashore. Then, on the same sortie: Car accident near Llanbedr, 2 boys taken to Bangor Hospital.				
XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Mitchell
Search for missing launch near IoM, found safe.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP542:42 4 FTS visited Alconbury.				

Sunday 28th July 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Thomson
Overturned boat off Perch Rock near New Brighton, occupants safe on arrival.				

Monday 29th July 1974 [AIR 29/4200]

		Sioux HT.2*	CFS	
		Sioux HT.2*	CFS	
		Sioux HT.2*	CFS	
*Mountain Flying Detachment until 31.7 from Ternhill.				

August 1974 [AIR 29/4200]

Station Flight dealt with 485 movements including 1 VIP.				
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Thursday 1st August 1974 [MC 11/74][MB]

XW315	[30]	JP T.5	3 FTS	Swords aerobatic team
XW426	[53]	JP T.5	3 FTS	Swords aerobatic team
XW428	[54]	JP T.5	3 FTS	Swords aerobatic team
		JP T.5		
		JP T.5		
XN502	66	JP T.3	CFS	
	-	Devon C.2		
G-AZGG	-	King Air 65-C90	Private	

Based noted:

Gnat T.1 XR574:24 4 FTS delivered to CFS.

Gnat T.1 XS102:58 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 27.2.74

Gnat T.1 4 FTS

XR538:01 XP503:03 XP504:04 XR535:05 XP516:16 XR980:17 XR571:23 XR574:24 XR951:26
XP536:27 XR953:29 XP532:32 XP533:33 XS105:35 XS106:36 XR537:37 XP538:38 XP541:41
XP542:42 XS104:44 XP500:50 XP535:54 XS100:57 XS109:63 XP530:64 XR534:65 XR996:66

Hunter F.6 4 FTS

XG209:69 XF527:70 XG274:71 XF509:73 XG185:74 XF386:75 XG158:35 [229 OCU loan]

Hunter T.7 4 FTS

XL621:81 XL591:82 XL600:83 XL567:84 WV372:85 XL566:86 XL597:87 XL601:88 XL565:89
XL573:97

Whirlwind HAR.10 C Flt/22 Sqn

XJ724 XJ764 XP351

Whirlwind HAR.10 CFS Detachment

XP394:C XP405:D XP333:G XR458:H Fire dump: Meteor TT.20 WD702:U Varsity T.1 WL689:N ex. 6 FTS
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Friday 2nd August 1974 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP500:50 4 FTS repairs complete, back to 4 FTS see 27.2.74.				

Saturday 3rd August 1974 [BAR 74/08]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP504:04 4 FTS Portland Airshow, flying only.				

Sunday 4th August 1974 [MC 11/74][AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

G-AZFE	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	From & to Staverton
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XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Beglan
Search for a boat off Dinas Dinlle, found safely. Then flew to Moelfre, CASEVAC of 1 injured person to Bangor Hospital.				
XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Beglan
Young boy and girl airlifted from rocks at OS 114/212796 onto safe ground.				

Tuesday 6th August 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Beglan
Man washed ashore after a rescue attempt for 2 girls off Harlech. Flown to Bangor Hospital but confirmed dead on arrival.				
	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
Capsized yacht, 3 persons in the water, a well-intentioned false alarm in the end.				

Wednesday 7th August 1974 [AIR 29/4200][BAR 74/09][AIR 27/3293]

XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Easthope
Area search for lost Scouts in the Bala area, found safely at the camp site.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP542:42 4 FTS St Mawgan Airshow, flying.				

Thursday 8th August 1974 [MC 11/74][AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

G-AVNG	-	Queen Air	Private	From & to Staverton
XM841	510:PO	Wessex HAS.1	771 NAS	
XS120	520:PO	Wessex HAS.1	771 NAS	
XJ824	-	Vulcan B.2	Wadd Wg	PD
XL191	-	Victor K.2	[232 OCU]	PD 2 approaches
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XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Mitchell
Search along the Snowdon Pyg track after a report of a distress whistle, nothing seen.				
Based noted: ATC Summer Camp air experience flying: Chipmunk T.10 WP900:13 10 AEF				

Friday 9th August 1974 [MC 11/74]

G-BAHW	-	Cessna 310Q	Private	
WV322	-	Hunter T.8B	237 OCU	
XR679	62	JP T.4	3 FTS	

Saturday 10th August 1974 [MC 11/74][AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

547	TR	CM-170 Magister*	FAF	'F-TFTR' French AF
*From Northolt, French Air Attaché.				
G-AZON	-	PA-34 Seneca 200	Private	
G-AZTO	-	PA-34 Seneca 200	Private	
XV406	D	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	
XV437	F	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	
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XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Mitchell
Fallen climber airlifted from Glyder Fach to Bangor Hospital. [Mr T Ferries]				

Sunday 11th August 1974 [MC 11/74][AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XS794	-	Andover CC.2	32 Sqn	
XR541	C	Gnat T.1	CFS	From Little Rissington
XS103	D	Gnat T.1	CFS	From Little Rissington
G-BBAY	-	Robin DR400	Private	
G-BAIS	-	Cessna F177RG	Private	
G-AVFZ	-	PA-28 Cherokee 140	Private	
G-AYGM	-	Cessna T210K	Private	
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XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Easthope
Capsized dinghy off Silver Bay, 1 man airlifted to the beach.				
XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Easthope
Whilst investigating a capsized dinghy off Malltraeth information received of a fallen climber with back injuries near Llanberis, flown to Bangor Hospital.				
Based noted: ATC Summer Camp air experience flying: Chipmunk T.10 WP786:3 [10 AEF]				

Monday 12th August 1974 [MC 11/74][HO][AIR 29/4355][MB]

The 111 Sqn aircraft arrived to participate in a radar/missile trial.				
XV406	D	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	STCAAME

XV437	F	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	STCAAME
64-1050	AR	RF-4C	/10 TRW	
64-1060	AR	RF-4C	32 TRS/10 TRW	
64-1075	AR	RF-4C	30 TRS/10TRW	
XG496	K	Devon C.2	RAE Farnborough	
XT756	W-M:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
XT486	W-W:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
XT479	W-X:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
G-AZFE	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	
XV338	-	Buccaneer S.2A	12 Sqn	
XV341	-	Buccaneer S.2A	12 Sqn	
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	PD

Tuesday 13th August 1974 [MC 11/74][AIR 29/4355]

The two 111 Sqn aircraft flew to the range AM & PM to conduct the trial, see 12.8				
XW333	47	JP T.5	3 FTS	
XR541	C	Gnat T.1	CFS	
WJ721	[21]	Canberra TT.18	7 Sqn	
XR143	143	Argosy E.1	115 Sqn	
G-AZPG	-	DH.104 Dove 5	Private	
G-AVRX	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	

Wednesday 14th August 1974 [MC 11/74][AIR 29/4355]

The two 111 Sqn aircraft flew a range trial AM, see 12.8 PM the weather was too bad at Llanbedr so the aircraft departed back to Coningsby.				
XV406	D	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	To Coningsby
XV437	F	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	To Coningsby
XV230	30	Nimrod MR.1	236 OCU	

15th August 1974 [MC 11/74]

Concorde 002 G-AXDN did a touch & go at Llanbedr with Canberra PR.7 WH793 as chase, did they visit Valley too ?

Thursday 15th August 1974 [AIR 27/3293][AIR 29/4355]

Disposal of radioactive miss distance indicators in the Irish Sea. These were past their half-life and originally to be disposed of from a 1113 MCU [Marine Craft Unit] launch from Holyhead. However, due to high winds and sea state they were disposed of in the disposal area by a Whirlwind from C Flt/22 Sqn.				
	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	See above
		Argosy E.1	115 Sqn	
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XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Beglan
Search for 7 lost Police Cadets in the Dolgellau area, found safely.				

Friday 16th August 1974 [MC 11/74][AIR 29/4200][BAR 74/09]

XT124	-	Sioux AH.1	653/663 Sqn/AAC	To Netheravon
XT152	-	Sioux AH.1	653/663 Sqn/AAC	To Netheravon
XT167	-	Sioux AH.1	653/663 Sqn/AAC	To Netheravon
XT558	-	Sioux AH.1	653/663 Sqn/AAC	To Netheravon
XT840	-	Sioux AH.1	653/663 Sqn/AAC	To Netheravon
XT841	-	Sioux AH.1	653/663 Sqn/AAC	To Netheravon
Based noted: The following aircraft attended the Chivenor fly-in. Gnat T.1 XR980:17 XS105:35 XP538:38 4 FTS Hunter T.7 XL591:82 XL597:87 4 FTS				

Sunday 18th August 1974 [AIR 29/4200][BAR 74/09][AIR 27/3293]

XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Easthope
Injured climber rescued on the East face of Tryfan and flown to Bangor Hospital.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP542:42 4 FTS Church Fenton Airshow, static.				

Monday 19th August 1974 [AIR 27/3293]

XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Garnons-Williams
Fallen climber with leg and head injuries flown from Dinas Tromech to Bangor Hospital.				
XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Beglan
Mayday call from a fishing vessel 18nms NE of Gt Drus Head – possible hoax.				
XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Garnons-Williams
Further search for the mayday vessel, nothing seen.				

Tuesday 20th August 1974 [AIR 29/4200][MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP540:40 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing [XP540 returned on an unknown date from Kemble] Hunter 4 FTS lost a drop tank inflight.				

Wednesday 21st August 1974 [GP][MB]

Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL567:84 4 FTS visited Kemble, refuel. Hunter F.6 XF509:73 & XG185:74 4 FTS visited Coltishall.				

Thursday 22nd August 1974 [HO][@MAR 08/20]

68-0066	UH[b]	F-111E	55 TFS/20 TFW	
68-0069	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
XM573	-	Vulcan B.2	27 Sqn	
Based noted:				

Noted at RAF Kemble in Hangar M3 were:
 XR569:08 XP511:11 XP537:07 XP540:40 XR984:52.
 Flying at Kemble was XR574:24

Friday 23rd August 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Easthope
6 persons reported drowning at Rhosneigr, 1 woman flown to Valley SMC.				

Saturday 24th August 1974 [AIR 27/3293]

XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Mitchell
Young man adrift in a boat, located and flown to 22 Sqn.				

Monday 26th August 1974 [AIR 29/4200]

		Wessex HAR.2		Manston SAR Flight.
Could possibly be the date this detachment with CFS[H] started under S/L J Smith. [either XR518 or XT602 or both]				

Tuesday 27th August 1974 [MC 11/74][HO]

253	V	Atlantic	321 Sqn	Dutch Navy
G-AZZL	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	From Llanbedr
TS423	-	Dakota III	RAE	
XW987	-	Buccaneer S.2	RAE	
31+80	-	G.91R-3	[WS-50]	WGAF
32+69	-	G.91R-3	[WS-50]	WGAF
32+85	-	G.91R-3	[WS-50]	WGAF
33+23	-	G.91R-3	[WS-50]	WGAF

Wednesday 28th August 1974 [HO][AIR 27/3293][CW]

XW324	38	JP T.5	3 FTS	
XW314	31	JP T.5	3 FTS	
XW302	65	JP T.5	RAFC	
XW358	73	JP T.5	RAFC	
XR667	P	JP T.4	6 FTS	
XP686	S	JP T.4	6 FTS	
64-1075	AR	RF-4C	30 TRS/10 TRW	
XH538	-	Vulcan B.2	27 Sqn	
		Canberra		
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XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Garnons-Williams
Dead diver located in Ceiriad Bay and transferred to the Coastguard.				

Friday 30th August 1974 [CW]

WA662	-	Meteor T.7	RAE	
		Puma HC.1		
XR140	140	Argosy E.1	115 Sqn	
WH981	1	Canberra E.15	98 Sqn	
XF967		Hunter T.8B	237 OCU	
D-8300	-	F-104G	323 Sqn/Klu	Dutch AF
D-8258	-	F-104G	323 Sqn/KLu	Dutch AF

September 1974 [AIR 29/4200]

Station Flight dealt with 212 movements including 6 VIP's.				
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Monday 2nd September 1974 [HO]

XV104	104	VC-10 C.1	10 Sqn	
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Tuesday 3rd September 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Mitchell
1 injured climber carried down by Llanberis MRT and flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Thursday 5th September 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Beglan
XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Beglan
4 Police Cadets suffering from exposure rescued off Snowdon. They were taking part in the Snowdon Endurance Race. Both aircraft used on separate sorties.				

Friday 6th September 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 29/4356]

		Lightning T.5	23 Sqn	From Leuchars, W/e stop
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Sunday 8th September 1974 [AIR 27/3293]

XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Garnons-Williams
De-masted yacht off Raven's Point with no one aboard.				

Monday 9th September 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 29/4356][MB]

[XS419]	[T]	Lightning T.5	23 Sqn	To Leuchars, see 6.9
		?		
AVM P G K Williamson arrived to carry out dinghy and winch training with CFS[H] detachment, by air?				
		Whirlwind HAR.10*	CFS[H]	
		Whirlwind HAR.10*	CFS[H]	
*Carried press covering the Manston Wessex SAR training in Holyhead Harbour, see 26.8. The Wessex was from 72 Sqn but destined for RAF Manston.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR984:52 returned from Kemble, see 28.3.74				

Tuesday 10th September 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Easthope
Search around the River Ribble estuary, Lancs for 2 boys who had absconded from care, found uninjured.				

Thursday 12th September 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

		Whirlwind HAR.10	CFS[H]	
BBC film crew flown to film the Zaire River Expedition training in the Menai Straits.				
XJ764	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Thomson
Small boat broken down; 1 woman & 2 children flown ashore. The boat was taken under tow and deposited ashore at Church Bay.				

Friday 13th September 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3297]

	[-]	Wessex HAR.2		Manston SAR Flight
Departed after their detachment with CFS[H] [either XR518 or XT602 or both] see 26.8.74				
XV209	209	Hercules C.1	24 Sqn	'RRR4507' F/L Whitaker
Routed: Lyneham-Biggin Hill-Valley[14:45/18:40]-Biggin Hill.				

Saturday 14th September 1974 [BAR 74/09 & 10]

Based noted: The following based aircraft attended the following Airshows. Gnat T.1 XR953:29 4 FTS Biggin Hill Airshow, static. Gnat T.1 XP542:42 4 FTS Biggin Hill/St Athan Airshow, flying. Gnat T.1 XP503:03 4 FTS Leuchars Airshow, static. Gnat T.1 XR534:65 4 FTS St Athan Airshow, static. Hunter T.7 XL600:83 4 FTS Biggin Hill Airshow, static. Hunter T.7 XL597:87 4 FTS Leuchars Airshow, static. Hunter T.7 XL621:81 4 FTS St Athan Airshow, static.				

Sunday 15th September 1974 [AIR 27/3293]

XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Beglan
Small boat broken down; 2 people flown ashore to Rhoscolyn; 2 others rowed ashore.				

Monday 16th September 1974 [AIR 27/3331][AIR 27/3293][AIR 27/3327]

XV207	207	Hercules C.1	48 Sqn	'RRR4565' F/L Coward
Routed: Lyneham-Honington-Lossiemouth-Valley[19:15/20:00]-Lyneham.				
Exercise 'Northern Merger'				
XR370	370	Belfast C.1	53 Sqn	'RRR9711' F/L Jobling
Routed: Brize Norton-Biggin Hill-Valley-Brize Norton.				
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XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Beglan
Search for man in a 10ft clinker built dinghy off Point Lynas, dinghy found but no sign of man				

XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Mitchell
2 men flown from a capsized dinghy off Trearddur Bay to Valley SMC.				

Friday 20th September 1974 [AIR 4/231]

XW333	47	JP T.5	3 FTS	F/L P West
NAVEX from & to Leeming.				

Saturday 21st September 1974 [BAR 74/10][PRF]

Based noted:				
				
Hunter T.7 XL600:83 4 FTS Yeovilton Airshow, static. [Peter R Foster]				

Sunday 22nd September 1974 [@MAR 11/17][AIR 27/3293]

XP357	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Easthope
Boy with possible broken shoulder and nose flown from Aber Falls to Bangor Hospital.				
Based noted:				
Gnat T.1 XP506:06 4 FTS displayed at Tollerton Airshow.				

Monday 23rd September 1974 [MB]

Based noted:				
Gnat T.1 XP500:50 4 FTS loaned to A&AEE for bow-spring arrestor gear trials.				

Tuesday 24th September 1974 [MB]

Based noted:				
Gnat T.1 XM706:12 4 FTS suffered CAT.3R damage, repaired on site by 71 MU from 27.9 [repairs complete by 7.11.74 and transferred back to 4 FTS same day] Gnat T.1 XP502:02 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 27.9 Gnat T.1 XP516:16 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 27.9 Gnat T.1 XP532:32 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 27.9 [XP532 was deferred as flyable until 12.11.74] Gnat T.1 XP535:54 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 27.9 [XP535 was deferred as flyable until 1.11.74]				

Gnat T.1 XP538:38 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 27.9
 Gnat T.1 XP541:41 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3[flyable] repaired on site by 71 MU from 27.9
 [XP541's repair was deferred & repaired by 5 MU during its major servicing, see 3.10]
 Gnat T.1 XR538:01 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 27.9
 [XR538's repair was deferred/flyable until 21.2.75]

Wednesday 25th September 1974 [AIR 29/4200]

		?		
West German AF Officers and Cadets visited CFS[H], by air?				
		?		
AOC 23 Group, AVM J Gingell visited CFS[H], by air?				

Friday 27th September 1974 [AIR 27/3331][MB]

XR371	371	Belfast C.1	53 Sqn	'RRR9811' F/L Peacock
Routed: Brize-Valley-Akrotiri.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP511:11 4 FTS returned from 5 MU, see 15.5.74				

Saturday 28th September 1974 [AIR 27/3327]

XV212	212	Hercules C.1	48 Sqn	'RRR4999' F/L Barton
Routed: Lyneham-Valley[16:55/18:50]-Akrotiri.				

Sunday 29th September 1974 [AIR 27/3293]

XP357	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Easthope
Man missing from a boat off Llanddwyn Island, later reported safe.				

October 1974 [AIR 29/4200]

Station Flight dealt with 166 movements including 1 VIP.				
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Wednesday 2nd October 1974 [AIR 29/4200]

		?		
4 Officers & 2 SNCO's from the French Helicopter School at Chambéry visited the CFS[H] detachment for helicopter flying, by air?				
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	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
1 man flown from a sailing boat off Dulas Bay and taken to Valley SMC.				

Thursday 3rd October 1974 [AIR 29/4356][MB]

		?x Gnat T.1	Red Arrows	Operated from STCAAME
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP502:02 4 FTS visited Kemble, crew taxi for XP541:41 Gnat T.1 XP541:41 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for major servicing.				

[on completion XP541 was delivered to CFS 23.9.75]

Friday 4th October 1974 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP500:50 4 FTS trials complete, see 23.9.74 Hunter T.7 WV372:85 4 FTS visited Kemble, refuel.				

Saturday 5th October 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XP357	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Easthope
Girl suffering from exposure on Carnedd Llewelyn flown to Ogwen Cottage.				

Monday 7th October 1974 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP500:50 4 FTS returned from A&AEE loan, see 23.9 & 4.10.74 Hunter T.7 XL573:97 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 14.10				

Tuesday 8th October 1974 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP500:50 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU from 14.10				

Thursday 10th October 1974 [MB]

Based noted: Hunter F.6 XG274:71 4 FTS night stop Kemble.				

Friday 11th October 1974 [RD]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 & Hunter F.6 4 FTS participated in a diamond-9 flypast at Little Rissington. The other aircraft were: JP T.5/JP T.3/Varsity T.1/Jetstream T.1/Meteor T.7/Vampire T.11/Dominie T.1				

Monday 14th October 1974

XV262	62	Nimrod MR.1		
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Wednesday 16th October 1974

XV253	53	Nimrod MR.1		
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Thursday 17th October 1974 [MB]

Based noted:				

Gnat T.1 XR569:08 4 FTS returned from surface finishing at 5 MU Kemble.
[the arrival date at 5 MU is unknown]

Friday 18th October 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293][MB]

XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Garnons-Williams
Search around the Skerries for the source of 2 flares, nothing seen.				
XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Garnons-Williams
Search around North coast of Anglesey for a possible sinking yacht, nothing seen.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP515 delivered to 4 FTS from CFS.				

Saturday 19th October 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Easthope
1 man airlifted from a capsized dinghy off Penmaenmawr and flown to shore. Another man in the dinghy was escorted ashore, Lifeboat in attendance.				

Monday 21st October 1974 [MC 12/74][AIR 29/4200][MB]

WB533	-	Devon C.2	[Wyton]	From Staverton
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR541 delivered from CFS becoming [:34] Gnat T.1 XS109:63 4 FTS to Kemble, return date unknown.				

Wednesday 23rd October 1974 [HO]

XF995	[-]	Hunter T.B	237 OCU	
XP751	Q	Lightning F.3	23 Sqn	From Leuchars
XV302	302	Hercules C.1	LTW	
XX742	[14]	Jaguar GR.1	226 OCU	
XV406	D	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	

Thursday 24th October 1974 [AIR 29/4356][MB]

XP751	Q	Lightning F.3	23 Sqn	To Leuchars, see 23.10
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS102:58 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R, repaired on site by 71 MU.				

Friday 25th October 1974 [HO][AIR 29/4356][MB]

XV165	-	Buccaneer S.2B	12 Sqn	Diversion, parked at STCAAME
XV168	-	Buccaneer S.2B	12 Sqn	Diversion, parked at STCAAME
One was carrying a Martel missile which was disarmed by STCAAME personnel.				
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
	-	Victor K.		

Sunday 27th October 1974 [AIR 27/3293]

XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Thomson
2 girls missing on Cader Idris overnight airlifted down to waiting Police.				

Monday 28th October 1974 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP537:07 4 FTS returned from repaint at 5 MU Kemble. [it's arrival at Kemble is unknown but repaints normally only lasted a week or 2] [also see 22.8 for XP537]				

Tuesday 29th October 1974 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP515 delivered to CFS, see 18.10.74				

Thursday 31st October 1974 [MB]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP516:16 repairs complete back to 4 FTS on 1.11, see				

November 1974 [AIR 29/4200]

Station Flight dealt with 99 movements including 5 VIP's.				
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Friday 1st November 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293][MB]

	-	Basset CC.1		
Undercarriage problems landed safely. Whirlwind HAR.10 XP357 22 Sqn [F/L Beglan] was scrambled as a precaution.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR954:30 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 25.10.73				

Saturday 2nd November 1974 [AIR 29/4200][DEFE 58/139]

XT481	W-A	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	[L/Cdr Voute]
XT773	W-B	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	[L/Cdr MacGregor]
'Red Dragon' Detachment arrived for HRH Lt Prince of Wales to carry out mountain and winch training until 7.11. The Prince stayed with the Marquess of Anglesey at nearby Plas Newydd. The detachment operated from the CFS[H] dispersal and both aircraft were guarded whilst at Valley. Both had dayglo markings applied to the nose and tail with one rotor blade painted yellow.				



[Dick Thomas Collection]

Both Wessex are seen here at Mona in early November, the lighter areas are dayglo.

Sunday 3rd November 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XP357	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Mitchell
2 divers reported missing off Moelfre, located safe ashore.				

Monday 4th November 1974 [DEFE 58/139][AIR 29/4250][MB]

HRH Prince of Wales arrived to conduct Mountain Flying Training with 707 NAS, see 2.11				
XS789	-	Andover CC.2	Queens Flt	'RRR1314'
Routed: Benson-West Raynham-Valley-Benson.				
WT483		Canberra T.4	231 OCU	

Wednesday 6th November 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Mitchell
Man missing at Penmaenmawr, nothing seen.				

Thursday 7th November 1974 [DEFE 58/139][AIR 29/4356][MB]

HRH Prince of Wales departed after conducting Mountain Flying Training with 707 NAS.				
XS789	-	Andover CC.2	Queens Flt	'RRR1320'
Routed: Northolt-Valley-Heathrow-Benson.				
		Lightning F.3	23 Sqn	STCAAME
		Lightning F.3	23 Sqn	STCAAME
The 2 Lightnings delivered 4 live Firestreak missiles from Leuchars.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP500:50 4 FTS repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 8.10.74				

Friday 8th November 1974 [AIR 29/4356][MB]

		Lightning T.5	11 Sqn	STCAAME from & to Binbrook
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP539 delivered from CFS/Red Arrows to 4 FTS. Gnat T.1 XR541 delivered back to CFS, see 21.10.74				

Sunday 10th November 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/O Easthope
Boat capsized 2nms off Trearddur Bay, nothing seen, probable hoax call.				

Monday 11th November 1974 [HO]

XN816	816	Argosy E.1	115 Sqn	
		Belfast C.1	53 Sqn	

Thursday 14th November 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

		JP T.4		
		JP T.4		
		Bulldog T.1		
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XP357	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Beglan
Cabin cruiser in difficulties off Formby, nothing found.				

Friday 15th November 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293][MB]

		Argosy E.1	115 Sqn	
		Canberra		
XN652	122	Sea Vixen FAW.2	RAE	
XJ824	-	Vulcan B.2	27 Sqn	
	-	Victor K.1		
XV249	49	Nimrod MR.1		
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XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Garnons-Williams

2 men and 2 dogs rescued from the Inland Sea, marooned whilst out shooting.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP539 4 FTS delivered back to CFS/Red Arrows, see 8.11.74				

Saturday 16th November 1974 [MC 12/74]

G-BBIX	-	PA-28 Cherokee 140	Private	
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Monday 18th November 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 29/4356]

23 Sqn [6 aircraft 4x F.6 & 2x F.3] arrived from Leuchars for their MPC. 23 Sqn MPC 18-28.11, 5 missiles [3 Red Top/2 Firestreak] fired. PM range slot, 2 aborted attacks [XP750 & XP751]				
XP750	P	Lightning F.3	23 Sqn	MPC
XP751	Q	Lightning F.3	23 Sqn	MPC
XS936	B	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	MPC
XS899	E	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	MPC
XR770	L	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	MPC
XS927	O	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	MPC
		?x Wessex HU.5*	848 NAS	
*Mountain Flying Detachment.				

Tuesday 19th November 1974 [AIR 29/4356][MB]

23 Sqn MPC AM 2x aborted attacks [XS899 & XS936] PM 3x aborted attacks [XR770 & XS927] PM 16:20 local flying.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XM709:09 4 FTS from 5 MU Kemble, see 27.2 & 12.6.74				

Wednesday 20th November 1974 [HO][AIR 29/4356]

23 Sqn MPC no range sorties flown due to high winds.				
XV577	M	Phantom FG.1*	43 Sqn	STCAAME
		Phantom FG.1*	43 Sqn	STCAAME
*Delivered AIM-7 Sparrow and AIM-9 Sidewinder missiles.				
XW405	83	JP T.5	[CFS]	

Thursday 21st November 1974 [AIR 29/4356]

23 Sqn MPC AM 2x Red Top firings [XS927 chased by XS899] and [XS936 chased by XR770] AM 2x aborted attacks [XP750 & XP751] PM no range slots.				

Friday 22nd November 1974 [AIR 29/4356]

23 Sqn MPC				
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AM 2x aborted attacks [XP750 & XP751] PM 2x aborted attacks [XS899 & XP751]				

Monday 25th November 1974 [AIR 29/4356][MB]

23 Sqn MPC no range sorties flown due to crosswinds at Llanbedr.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP533:33 4 FTS visited Kemble, crew taxi for XS105:35 Gnat T.1 XS105:35 4 FTS to Kemble.				

Tuesday 26th November 1974 [AIR 29/4356][MB]

23 Sqn MPC AM 1x Firestreak fired [XP750 chased by XR770] plus a misfire. PM 1x Red Top fired [XR770 chased by XS936]				
Based noted: [unconfirmed departure date for XS105:35, see 25.11]				

Wednesday 27th November 1974 [AIR 29/4356]

23 Sqn MPC no range sorties flown due crosswinds at Llanbedr.				

Thursday 28th November 1974 [AIR 29/4356]

23 Sqn MPC no range sorties flown due crosswinds at Llanbedr.				

Friday 29th November 1974 [AIR 29/4356]

23 Sqn MPC AM 1x Firestreak fired [XP751 chased by XR770] 23 Sqn departed back to Leuchars at 13:00 post their MPC.				
XP750	P	Lightning F.3	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
XP751	Q	Lightning F.3	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
XR770	L	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
XS899	E	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
XS927	[O]	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	To Leuchars
XS936	B	Lightning F.6	23 Sqn	To Leuchars

Saturday 30th November 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 27/3293]

XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Beglan
1 man rescued from Snowdon at night with back injuries, flown to Bangor Hospital.				

December 1974 [AIR 29/4200]

Station Flight dealt with 45 movements including 4 VIP's.				
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Sunday 1st December 1974 [AIR 27/3305]

XV185	185	Hercules C.1	30 Sqn	'RRR4046' diversion F/L Hunt
From Akrotiri at 09:40, departed to Lyneham at 12:10				

Monday 2nd December 1974 [AIR 29/4200][AIR 29/4356][AIR 4/247]

43 Sqn [4 aircraft] arrived from Leuchars at 10:55 for their MPC. 43 Sqn MPC 2-12 11 Sqn at Binbrook provided a chase aircraft for the 43 Sqn MPC. PM no range slots due to bad weather at Llanbedr.				
XV582	F	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
[XV573]	[L]	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
XV581	E	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC ?/ McNamara
XV578	O	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
XP748	P	Lightning F.3	11 Sqn	Chase from Binbrook 10:30
		?		
AOFT, AVM Mellersh visited CFS[H] detachment, by air ?				

Tuesday 3rd December 1974 [AIR 29/4356][AIR 27/3293]

43 Sqn MPC no range sorties flown due to bad weather at Llanbedr.				
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XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Mitchell
Boy suffering from exposure on Cader Idris. Unable to fly to the location but Aberdovey MRT were flown to the cloud base.				

Wednesday 4th December 1974 [AIR 29/4356][MB]

43 Sqn MPC Exercise 'Ricochet' called, with the 43 & 11 Sqn aircraft brought to readiness. No range slots available due to crosswinds at Llanbedr. PM 15:20 local flying.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP538:38 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3R for a 2nd repair [see 24.9.74] [repaired on site again by 71 MU from 9.12]				

Thursday 5th December 1974 [AIR 29/4356]

43 Sqn MPC AM no range slots due to crosswinds at Llanbedr. AM 09:45 range practice [2 aircraft] PM no range slots due to other users. PM 15:00 local flying				

Friday 6th December 1974 [AIR 29/4356][AIR 27/3293][AIR 4/247]

43 Sqn MPC AM 09:45 2x AIM-9 fired [XV582 & XV578] chased by [XP748] PM no range slots due to bad weather at Llanbedr.				
XP748	P	Lightning F.3	11 Sqn	To Binbrook 14:20, see 2.12
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XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Beglan
Night search for missing 3yr old boy in the Colwyn Bay area, nothing seen.				

Saturday 7th December 1974 [AIR 27/3293]

XP351	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Garnons-Williams
Dawn search carried out for missing boy [see 6.12] found by ground party.				
XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	F/L Garnons-Williams
2 men cut off by the tide at Red Wharf Bay, no action required though.				

Monday 9th December 1974 [AIR 29/4356]

43 Sqn MPC no range sorties due to crosswinds at Llanbedr. 43 Sqn flew local training sorties. AM 10:00 range practice [2 aircraft] PM 13:00 local flying. PM 15:00 range practice [2 aircraft]				
XP695	O	Lightning F.3	11 Sqn	Chase from Binbrook at 08:55

Tuesday 10th December 1974 [AIR 29/4356]

43 Sqn MPC no range sorties due to bad weather. PM 14:45 & 15:15 local flying.				

Wednesday 11th December 1974 [AIR 29/4356]

43 Sqn MPC no range sorties due to bad weather AM and other users PM. AM 10:00 & 11:30 local flying. PM 15:00 local flying.				

Thursday 12th December 1974 [AIR 29/4356]

43 Sqn MPC no range sorties due to bad weather. AM 10:00 range practice [2 aircraft] PM 15:30 range practice [3 aircraft]				

Friday 13th December 1974 [AIR 29/4356][AIR 29/4250]

43 Sqn MPC AM no range slots due to bad weather and other users. PM 1x AIM-9 fired [XV582] chased by [XP695]				
XP695	O	Lightning F.3	11 Sqn	To Binbrook 16:45, see 2.12

XV578	O	Phantom FG.1*	43 Sqn	To Leuchars 14:00, see 2.12
XV573	L	Phantom FG.1*	43 Sqn	From Leuchars 16:30
*Aircraft changeover.				
XS793	-	Andover CC.2	Queens Flt	'RRR1363'
Routed: Benson-Valley-Aberdeen-Benson, HRH Prince of Wales.				

Saturday 14th/Sunday 15th December 1974 [AIR 29/4200]

		Whirlwind HAR.10	CFS[H]	
Due to a backlog of training as a result of bad weather the CFS[H] Detachment flew over the weekend.				

Monday 16th December 1974 [MC 1/75][AIR 29/4356]

43 Sqn MPC no range sorties due to crosswinds at Llanbedr. 43 Sqn flew local training sorties. AM 11:00 local flying.				
G-AWMS	-	HS.125-3B	RTZ	From Staverton

Tuesday 17th December 1974 [AIR 29/4356]

43 Sqn MPC no flying due to 60kt winds at Valley and Llanbedr.				

Wednesday 18th December 1974 [AIR 29/4356][MB]

43 Sqn MPC no range sorties due to crosswinds at Llanbedr. PM 14:00 local flying.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP503:03 4 FTS visited Kemble, crew taxi for XS106:36 Gnat T.1 XP535:54 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 24.9.74 Gnat T.1 XS106:36 4 FTS to Kemble, return date unknown.				

Thursday 19th December 1974 [AIR 29/4356]

43 Sqn MPC no range sorties due to low cloud and rain on the Range.				

Friday 20th December 1974 [AIR 29/4356]

43 Sqn MPC no range sorties due to bad weather. 43 Sqn departed back to Leuchars at 10:30 post their MPC.				
		Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	To Leuchars
		Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	To Leuchars
		Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	To Leuchars
		Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	To Leuchars

Saturday 21st December 1974

4 FTS block leave 21.12.74-1.1.75

Tuesday 24th December 1974 [MC 1/75]

XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10*	22 Sqn	
*Delivered Xmas fare to the Skerries Lighthouse Staff. Stn Cdr & Padre were also onboard.				

Monday 30th December 1974 [BAR 75/02]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP540:40 4 FTS delivery from 5 MU, Kemble.				