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RAF Valley

Aircraft Movements

1978

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UPDATE V2
Additional 4 FTS movements. Additional Unit movements: 30/47/70 Queens Flt. Additional Gnat details by Mike Bursell. Additional photo movements by Fergal Goodman.

SUMMARY
The Gnats were retired after 15 years' service. Hawk display pilot: S/L Paul Lloyd CFS.

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 the beginning of 1978:	
Gnat T.1 4 FTS	
XR538:01 XP504:04 XP506:06* XM709:09 XP511:11 XR980:17 XR574:24 XR951:26 XR953:29	
XP533:33 XS105:35 XP538:38 XP540:40 XS104:44 XR998:47 XS102:58 XP515:59 XR544:60	
XP534:62 XR534:65	
*XP506 was not airworthy.	
Hawk T.1 4 FTS/CFS	
XX161-166 CFS & XX167-185 4 FTS	
Hunter F.6 4 FTS	
XG209:69 XF527:70 XG274:71 XF383:72 XF509:73 XG290:74 XF526:78	
Hunter T.7 4 FTS	
XL609:80 XL621:81 XL600:83 XL567:84 WV372:85 XL566:86 XL597:87 XL601:88 XL565:89	
XL613:91 XL573:97	
Wessex HAR.2 C Flt/22 Sqn	
XR518 XT604* [*green intake panel]	
Whirlwind HAR.10 2[A] FTS Detachment as allocated.	

January 1978 [AIR 28/2310]

Station Flight dealt with ? movements including ? VIP. 3 diversions: Vulcan [weather], Dominie [weather] & Buccaneer [birdstrike]
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Monday 2nd January 1978 [AIR 27/3422]

XT604	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
Fallen climber on Tryfan flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Tuesday 3rd January 1978 [CW]

		Nimrod MR.1		
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Wednesday 4th January 1978 [MC 2/78][HO][CW]

XZ357	K	Jaguar GR.1	41 Sqn	'C36'
XZ363	Z	Jaguar GR.1	41 Sqn	'C46'
XW375	10	JP T.5A	RAFC	
WD790	-	Meteor NF.11/12	RAE	[from Llanbedr]
	-	Vulcan B.2		
	-	Vulcan B.2		
	-	Vulcan B.2		
Based noted: Whirlwind HAR.10 C Flt/22 Sqn XR457 XP351				

Thursday 5th January 1978 [HO][HE][MB]

WJ721	[21]	Canberra TT.18	7 Sqn	
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Based noted:

Gnat T.1 XP542:42 4 FTS to St Athan.

[XP542 was subsequently used by the Civilian Craft Apprentice School at St Athan. It then went to Shrivenham in 1991 followed by 424 Sqn ATC at Southampton. It then went to GE Aviation, Hamble for refurbishment before going on display at the 'Solent Sky' Southampton, still present 2025]

Friday 6th January 1978 [MC 2/78][HE][HO][AIR 27/3422]

XV725	AC	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XT671	AD	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
68-0032	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
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XT604	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Man with a broken leg flown from a quarry near Penrhyn Glas to Bangor Hospital.				

Saturday 7th January 1978 [HO][BARG /78]

	ZR	RF-4C*	/26 TRW	11:45
*69-0371:ZR 26 TRW visited Bentwaters on this date possibly the same one?				

Monday 9th January 1978 [HO][AIR 24/3277]

43 Sqn [5 aircraft] arrived from Leuchars at 10:00 for their MPC.				
43 Sqn MPC 9-19.1.78				
PM practice range sortie [XV575 XV577 XV579]				
XV572	N	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	
XV575	C	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	
XV577	M	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	
XV579	R	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	
XT873	[S]	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	To Leuchars 17:30
XV583	G	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	From Leuchars 16:40
		Canberra		
	-	Vulcan B.2		
XX817	BB	Jaguar GR.1	17 Sqn	
XX819	BD	Jaguar GR.1	17 Sqn	
XX823	BG	Jaguar GR.1	17 Sqn	
XZ371	BP	Jaguar GR.1	17 Sqn	

Tuesday 10th January 1978 [BARG][HO][AIR 24/3277]

43 Sqn MPC no range slots due to crosswinds at Llanbedr.				
XV575	C	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
XV583	G	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
XV577	M	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
XV572	N	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
XV579	R	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
XR754	A	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	

XS904	B	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	
XS901	G	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	
XS921	H	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	
XR725	J	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	
Based noted: Gnat T.1 4 FTS XP504:04 XM709:09 XR951:26 XP538:38 XP540:40 XS104:44 XS102:58 XP515:59 XP534:62 Hawk T.1 4 FTS/CFS XX162 XX165 XX166 XX168 XX169 XX170 XX171 XX172 XX173 XX174 XX175 XX177 XX178 XX179 XX180 XX181 XX182 XX184 Hunter F.6 4 FTS XG209:69 XF527:70 XG274:71 XF383:72 XF526:78 Hunter T.7 4 FTS XL609:80 XL621:81 XL566:86 XL597:87 XL601:88 XL565:89 XL613:91 Wessex HAR.2 XR518 C Flt/22 Sqn Whirlwind HAR.10 2[A]FTS detachment. XP333:G XR485:Q XD163:X Fire Dump: Varsity T.1 WJ943:R remains.				

Wednesday 11th January 1978 [BARG][HO][AIR 24/3277]

43 Sqn MPC no range targets due to crosswinds and bad weather at Valley and Llanbedr. PM range practice sortie. [XV575 XV577 XV579]				
XR754	A	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	
XS904	B	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	
XS901	G	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	
XS921	H	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	
XR725	J	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	
WV740	-	Pembroke C.1	St Athan SF	Station Flight
XS765	-	Basset CC.1	ETPS	

Thursday 12th January 1978 [HO][AIR 24/3277][CW]

43 Sqn MPC AM no range slots due to crosswinds at Llanbedr. PM range slot cancelled, Jindivik unserviceable. PM practice range sortie [XV572 & XV583]				
XV576	D	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	From Leuchars 11:45
XV579	R	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	To Leuchars 15:35
		F-104		
		Buccaneer S.2		
		Devon C.2/2		
		Wessex HC.2		
		Lightning F.6		

Friday 13th January 1978 [HO][AIR 24/3277][CW]

43 Sqn MPC no range slots all day due to bad weather at Llanbedr. PM 15:00 local flying [XV575 XV576 XV577]				
[TS423]	-	Dakota III	RAE	
		HS.125		

Saturday 14th January 1978 [AIR 27/3422]

XT604	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Man lifted from a trawler 15nms NE of Point Lynas to Bangor Hospital.				

Monday 16th January 1978 [AIR 24/3277]

43 Sqn MPC AM range slot aborted due to cloud in the Range. PM no range slots all day due to cloud in the Range. PM 14:30 local flying [XV575 & XV577]				
XV579	R	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	From Leuchars 17:00

Tuesday 17th January 1978 [MC 4/78][HO][AIR 24/3277]

43 Sqn MPC AM 2x AIM-9 fired. PM range slot cancelled due to hailstorms at Llanbedr and shipping on the range. PM 15:30 local flying [XV572]				
XV575	C	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	To Leuchars
WF379	-	Varsity T.1	RSRE	N/stop

Wednesday 18th January 1978 [HE][HO][AIR 24/3277][CW]

43 Sqn MPC no range slots all day due to ice on the runway at Llanbedr. PM 15:05 local flying [XV575/577/583]				
XV575	C	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	From Leuchars 10:20
XV572	N	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	To Leuchars 16:10
WF379	-	Varsity T.1	RSRE	Overflew Llangefni.

Thursday 19th January 1978 [HO][AIR 24/3277][CW]

43 Sqn MPC AM 2x AIM-9 fired. 43 Sqn [4 aircraft]* departed back to Leuchars at 16:50 post their MPC.				
XV575	C	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	To Leuchars 18:00
XV583	G	Phantom FG.1*	43 Sqn	
XV577	M	Phantom FG.1*	43 Sqn	
XV572	N	Phantom FG.1*	43 Sqn	
XV579	R	Phantom FG.1*	43 Sqn	
	-	Vulcan B.2		
K-3030	-	NF-5A	316 Sqn	Klu Dutch AF
		RF-4C		
		Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	

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Friday 20th January 1978 [HO][AIR 27/3422]

XX732		Jaguar GR.1	6 Sqn	
XX744		Jaguar GR.1	54 Sqn	
		Jaguar		
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
3 men missing on Glyder Fawr, found by MRT, and flown to Ogwen Cottage.				
XT604	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Fallen climber flown from Crib Goch at Glaslyn to Bangor Hospital.				

Monday 23rd January 1978 [HO]

	-	Vulcan B.2		
	-	Vulcan B.2		
		F-111		
		F-111		
		F-111		
		Phantom		

Tuesday 24th January 1978 [HO][AIR 27/3422]

		Jaguar		
		Meteor	RAE	
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Search for 4 RAF personnel on Glyder Fawr, found safe.				

Wednesday 25th January 1978 [HO][AIR 24/3277][MB]

STCAAME				
*QRA scramble from Wattisham at 09:34 to Aberporth Range.				
*1x AIM-9 fired.				
The 5 Sqn Lightning from Binbrook acted as chase, both landed at Valley 10:41.				
XV432	D	Phantom FGR.2*	23 Sqn	To Wattisham 12:40
XS903	C	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	To Binbrook 12:15
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
XZ174	[-]	Lynx AH.1	IFTU/AAC	
Based noted:				
Gnat T.1 XP502:02 4 FTS flown to St Athan for the Civilian Craft Apprentice School.				
[eventually sold to Everett Aero 16.3.2000, arrived there 3.5.2000. Subsequently preserved with Delta Engineering at the 'AV8' café, Kemble from 2001. Painted as 'XR540' by 2012 and still present 2025]				

Thursday 26th January 1978 [MC 3/78]

XZ315	P	Gazelle AH.1	ARWS/AAC	To Staverton
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Saturday 28th January 1978 [AIR 27/3422]

Due to heavy snowfall on the West coast of Scotland, C Flt/22 Sqn detached a Wessex to the area, sorties were flown between 29.1-4.2.78

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Sunday 29th January 1978 [AIR 27/3422]

XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
Rescued the crew of a Leuchars based SAR Wessex helicopter which was grounded on the side of Loch Laggan during a search for a climber there. The aircraft flew several sorties in the Fort William and Inverness areas after severe blizzards, see 2.2.78.				

Monday 30th January 1978 [AIR 27/3422]

XT604	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Search for missing walker near Lligwy reservoir, possible sighting in the Lake.				

Tuesday 31st January 1978 [MC 4/78][HO][CW]

XZ285	85	Nimrod MR.1	42 Sqn	
	-	Vulcan B.2		
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
		Phantom		
		JP T.5A		

February 1978 [AIR 28/2310]

Heavy snowfall 12/13 th February. Station Flight dealt with 167 movements including 4 VIP. 8 weather diversions: 6 Hunters, Beagle Pup & Canberra. Hawks were grounded for 3 days due to PFCU [Primary Flying Control Unit] problems.				
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Wednesday 1st February 1978 [HO][AIR 27/3422][CW]

		Phantom		18:05
		Hunter		
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		Hunter		
G-AZAV	-	Cessna 337F	Private	
	-	Vulcan B.2		
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XT604	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Fishing vessel adrift in the Menai Straits, no action required.				

Thursday 2nd February 1978 [MC 4/78][HO][AIR 27/3422]

G-AZAV	-	Cessna 337F	Private	
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XV168	-	Buccaneer S.2	12 Sqn	
XX896	-	Buccaneer S.2	12 Sqn	
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
Returned from Operation 'Snowdrop' in Scotland. Operating in the Fort William & Inverness areas due to severe blizzards.				

Friday 3rd February 1978 [HO][CW][AIR 27/3422][CW]

Wings ceremony				
		Argosy E.1	115 Sqn	
		F-4D	/81 TFW	
		Phantom		
		HS.125		
XW318	12	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW361	21	JP T.5A	RAFC	
		Vulcan B.2		PD
		Harrier		
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Search for missing woman on Greta Orme, nothing seen.				
XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Search for a missing climber near Ffynnon Lligwy.				

Sunday 5th February 1978 [HO][AIR 27/3422][AB]

*David Cyster a QFI at Valley flew his Tiger Moth down to Dunsfold. Departed Dunsfold 7.2.78 and flew to Australia arriving Darwin 11.3.78. This was to celebrate the 50th anniversary of S/L Bert Hinckler's flight to Australia.

His routing was:

Valley-Dunsfold-Marseille-Rome-Brindisi-Corfu-Athens-Heraklion-Cairo-Wejh-Gassim-Bahrain-Dubai-Jawani-Karachi-Ahmadabad-Nagpur-Calcutta-Chittagong-Rangoon-Phuket-Kota Bahru-Singapore-Jakarta-Surabaya-Bali-Kupang-Darwin-Brunette Downs-Longreach-Bundaberg-Brisbane-Coff's Harbour-Sydney.



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- a. Hawker Siddeley RAF 50th Anniversary Award (purchase of Gipsy Major engine).
- b. Trenchard Memorial Award.
- c. Royal Air Force Expedition Special Projects Fund.
- d. President of Services Institute Fund RAF Valley (Purchase of propellor).

2. Financial assistance was also provided by: Rothmans of Pall Mall.

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Sponsorship details for the historic flight.

50TH ANNIVERSARY FLIGHT STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

£		£
13188.00	Receipts to Bank	
	Bank Charges and Interest	44.94
	Foreign Currency for expenses en route	1152.74
	Insurance	188.50
	1st Day Cover Cancellation	162.00
	Special Underclothes (Damart)	5.00
	Hotel at Dunsfold	115.95
	Engine	3500.00
	Rebuild and modification	9145.33
	Fuel and Oil in UK on return	53.52
75.00	Credit with Engineer (Aluminium)	
1.57	Cash at Bank	
<u>1103.41</u>	Deficit to be paid by Pilot	
<u>14367.98</u>		<u>14367.98</u>

And the expenditure involved.

G-ANRF	-	DH.82A Tiger Moth*	Private	Ex. T5850 to Dunsfold
XT415	[452]	Wasp HAS.1	829 NAS	[HMS Brighton]
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
Search for missing climber in Ffynnon Lligwy, see 3.2.78				
XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Search for 2 missing boys in the Dee Estuary, nothing seen.				

Monday 6th February 1978 [HO][CW][AIR 24/3277][CW][MB]

228 OCU [4 aircraft] arrived from Coningsby at 10:05 for their MPC.

228 OCU MPC 6-8.2.78

PM 1x AIM-7 fired.

*QRA scramble from Binbrook at 10:50 to Aberporth Range.

*1x Red Top fired.

*Phantom XT911 was the chase, airborne from Valley 10:50.

*Both aircraft landed at Valley 11:36

XT911	[J]	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	MPC
XT914	N	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	MPC
XV394	O	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	MPC
XV485	X	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	MPC
XS903	[A]	Lightning F.6*	5 Sqn	To Binbrook 13:10
	-	Vulcan B.2		PD
		Hercules C.	[LTW]	
		F-111		PD

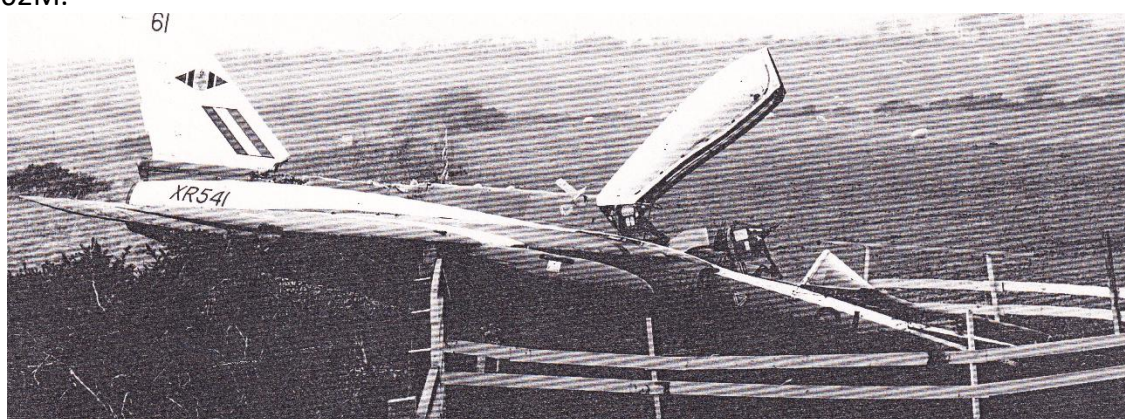
Based noted:

Gnat T.1 XP516:16 4 FTS allocated 8580M, struck off charge at Valley 8.2.78
 [XP516 was then put on display outside the Valley Officer's Mess, it was then sent to RAE Farnborough by road 12.2.79 for vibration studies. Fitted with the rear fuselage of XP532 and preserved at FAST Museum, Farnborough 10.6.04 still present 2025]

Tuesday 7th February 1978 [HO][MG*][CW][AIR 24/3277][CW]

228 OCU MPC				
AM 1x AIM-9 fired.				
PM 13:25 local flying [XT914]				
XH554	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	
WF131	571:CU	Sea Prince T.2	750 NAS	
XT911	[J]	Phantom FGR.2*	228 OCU	MPC
XT914	N	Phantom FGR.2*	228 OCU	MPC
XV495	[S]	Phantom FGR.2*	228 OCU	MPC [or 29 Sqn]
[XV398]	[398]	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	
XN593	27	JP T.3A	3 FTS	
VP958	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
XT427	502	Wasp HAS.1	703 NAS	
XS639	639	Andover E.[1]	115 Sqn	
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XR541	61	Gnat T.1	4 FTS/CFS	

Flapless approach to runway 22 at Mona but on applying power on the touch and go there was no response from the engine, take-off was aborted, and the aircraft engaged the Barrier. Aircraft removed and stored in the Hangar at Mona. It was eventually struck off charge at Mona 7.12.78 and allocated to the Civilian Apprentice School at St Athan as 8602M.



[Dick Thomas Collection]

[XR541 was subsequently struck off charge 13.3.78 and allocated 8602M. It was taken by road to St Athan 11.12.78 and delivered to the Civilian Craft Apprentices School for painting & finishing courses. It was painted in camouflage with the serial 'PF179' and in 1994 it was sold to Everett Aero and taken to Binbrook 12.97 It went to Humberside 2002 and on to the USA in 2007. It returned to Bruntingthorpe 10.10 and to North Weald 3.13. It went to Bournemouth Museum 29.3.23 and is still present there 2025]

	F/L	D Mee	Ok
	F/L	J A A Dobbie	Ok

Wednesday 8th February 1978 [HO][CW][AIR 24/3277][CW]

228 OCU MPC AM 1x AIM-9 fired. PM 1x AIM-9 fired. 228 OCU [4 aircraft] departed back to Coningsby at 17:35 post their MPC.				
XT911	[J]	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	To Coningsby
XT914	N	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	To Coningsby
XV394	O	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	To Coningsby
XV485	X	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	To Coningsby
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
XT475	W-N:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
XS517	W-V:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
XT479	W-X:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	

Thursday 9th February 1978 [MC 4/78][CW]

		F-111		PD
	-	Vulcan B.2		PD
	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
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XR953	29	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	
Barrier engagement				

Friday 10th February 1978 [HO][CW]

		Phantom		
	-	Vulcan B.2		
		F-111		
	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	

Saturday 11th February 1978 [CW][AIR 27/3422]

		Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
		Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
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Busy weekend for 22 Sqn !				
XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Search for 2 missing engineers in the Lake District.				
XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Fallen climber on Snowdon, pronounced dead on arrival.				
XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Fallen climber flown from Clogwyn Station to Bangor Hospital				
XT604	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire

Injured man flown from Carnedd Dafydd to Bangor Hospital.				
XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
2 fallen climbers on Tryfan flown to Bangor Hospital.				
XT604	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Injured walker between Tryfan & Glyder Fawr flown to Bangor Hospital.				
XT604	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Injured walker flown from Devil's Kitchen to Bangor Hospital.				

Sunday 12th February 1978 [MC 4/78][HE][HO][CW][AIR 27/3422]

XW843		Gazelle AH.1	[ARWS]/AAC	
XX381	[F]	Gazelle AH.1	[3 CBAS]	
XX393	[Z]	Gazelle AH.1	[ARWS]/AAC	
XX401		Gazelle AH.1	[656 Sqn]/AAC	
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Search for missing woman on Clogwyn Du'r Arddu.				
XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
Fallen climber on Aran Fawddwy flown to Bangor Hospital				

Tuesday 14th February 1978 [BARG][MC 4/78][HO][CW]

XR524	AF	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XT607	AP	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
70-2368	LN[b]	F-111F	492 TFS/48 TFW	
G-BATC	-	Bo.105C	Trinity House	
G-BEXW	-	PA-28 Cherokee 181	Private	
Based noted: Whirlwind HAR.10 2[A]FTS XP394:C XP333:G XR485:Q				

Wednesday 15th February 1978 [BARG][MC 4/78][HO]

XX728	-	Jaguar GR.1	6 Sqn	
XX733	-	Jaguar GR.1	6 Sqn	
XX734	-	Jaguar GR.1	6 Sqn	
XX740	-	Jaguar GR.1	6 Sqn	
XV464	B	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	
XV409	D	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	
XV408	N	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	
XV476	S	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	
XS610	610	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	Also, seen at Mona.
68-0021	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
70-2409	LN[r]	F-111F	494 TFS/48 TFW	

Thursday 16th February 1978 [BARG][MC 4/78][HO][AIR 27/3406][AIR 24/3277]

STCAAME				
*From Binbrook as part of Exercise 'Omega Minor,'				
*2 missiles fired.				
XS904	B	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	F/L Cliffe
XP695	M	Lightning F.3*	11 Sqn	No markings
XP764	O	Lightning F.3*	11 Sqn	F/L Jones
XV434	J	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	
XV476	S	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	
68-0028	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	PD
XZ145	T	Harrier T.4	3 Sqn	

Friday 17th February 1978 [MC 4/78][HE][HO][AIR 27/3422][CW]

XS737	K	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
		Canberra		
		Jaguar GR.1	BAe	Delivery to RAFG
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XT604	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling

Both carried out a search between Holyhead & Fishguard for HMS Kirkliston a minesweeper.

Based noted:



Hawk T.1 XX169:169 4 FTS [Hywel Evans]

Saturday 18th February 1978 [AIR 27/3422]

XT604	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Fallen walker on Llyn Llydaw flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Sunday 19th February 1978 [AIR 27/3422]

XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Assisted in Devon 19-22.2 snow relief operations.				

Monday 20th February 1978 [AIR 27/3422]

XT604	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
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Injured seaman airlifted off a ship near Liverpool bar and flown to Walton Hospital.
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Tuesday 21st February 1978 [Pprune PE_3721 logbook*][MG][CW][AIR 27/3451]

XX105	-	BAC.1-11-201	RAE	N/stop
XX919	-	BAC.1-11-402	RAE Bedford	
XL497	041:R	Gannet AEW.3	849 NAS	
XL471	043:R	Gannet AEW.3	849 NAS	
XL472	044:R	Gannet AEW.3	849 NAS	
XV300	300	Hercules C.1	70 Sqn	'RRR5096' F/L Herbertson
Routed: Greenwood, Canada-Valley[10:05] n/stop.				

Wednesday 22nd February 1978 [Pprune PE_3721 logbook*][CW][AIR 24/3277][AIR 27/3451]

STCAAME The 56 Sqn aircraft arrived from Wattisham to position for a QRA firing. The firing was prevented by bad weather.				
XT891	Z	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	STCAAME
		Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	STCAAME
		Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	STCAAME
XX105	-	BAC.1-11-201	RAE	To BHX
XW224	DH	Puma HC.1	230 Sqn	
		Canberra		
XV300	300	Hercules C.1	70 Sqn	To Lyneham 12:30 see 21.2

Thursday 23rd February 1978 [BARG][MC 4/78][MG*][CW][AIR 24/3277]

STCAAME PM firing slot cancelled due to crosswinds at Llanbedr. 56 Sqn aircraft returned to Wattisham, see 22.2				
XT891	Z	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	To Wattisham
		Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	To Wattisham
		Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	To Wattisham
WT308	-	Canberra B[I].6	RAE	
XV252	52	Nimrod MR.1	Kinloss Wg	
		Hastings/Shackleton		
		F-111		PD
WA662	-	Meteor T.7	RAE Llanbedr	
	-	Beaver AL.1	/AAC	

Friday 24th February 1978 [HO][CW][AIR 27/3422]

		Canberra		
XX894	M	Buccaneer S.2	15 Sqn	
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
Gnat landed with no nosewheel, crew airlifted to SMC, Valley.				

Saturday 25th February 1978 [HO][MG][CW]

XV109	109	VC-10 C.1	10 Sqn	[19 Sqn support ?]
		Phantom		
		Jaguar GR.1		
		Jaguar GR.1		

Sunday 26th February 1978

Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX184:[-] 4 FTS delivery.				

Monday 27th February 1978 [CW][AIR 27/3458][AIR 27/3419][AIR 24/3277][AIR 27/3451][MB]

19 Sqn [4 aircraft] arrived from Wildenrath at 11:35 for their MPC [Exercise Pale Vase] 19 Sqn MPC 27.2-6.3.78, 4 missiles fired [finished MPC 4 days earlier than planned on 10.3] *Battle Flight scramble from Wildenrath, 1x AIM-9 fired, chased by 19 Sqn [XV439] **QRA from Leuchars, 1x AIM-9 fired, chased by a 19 Sqn [XV439] aircraft from Valley. **Both 92 & 111 Sqn aircraft landed at Valley 16:10.				
XV439	A	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	'MORKA'
Flew to the range as chase at 15:25.				
XV468	D	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	'MORKB'
XV428	E	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	'MORKC'
XV474	F	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	'MORKD'
XV293	293	Hercules C.1	70 Sqn	'RRR5230' F/L Baverstock
Routed: Lyneham-Wildenrath-Valley[11:55/13:45]-Lyneham. 19 Sqn MPC support.				
XV192	192	[Hercules C.1]	70 Sqn	'RRR5231' F/L Greaves
Routed: Lyneham-Wildenrath-Valley[12:55/14:05]-Lyneham. 19 Sqn MPC support.				
XV496	[R]	Phantom FGR.2*	92 Sqn	To Wildenrath 17:00
XV491	[O]	Phantom FGR.2**	111 Sqn	To Leuchars 17:35
WA662	-	Meteor T.7	RAE Llanbedr	
73-01645	-	HH-53C	67 ARRS	
XL728	-	Wessex HU.5	RAE	
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL601:88 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3S repaired on site ? see 11.7.78				

Tuesday 28th February 1978 [MC 4/78][HO][CW][AIR 24/3277][MB]

19 Sqn MPC AM misfire. PM no range slots due to bad weather on the Range. PM 15:30 local flying [XV407 & XV468]				
XV439	A	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	MPC

XV468	D	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	MPC
XV428	E	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	MPC
XV474	F	Phantom FGR.2*	19 Sqn	MPC to Wildenrath 13:47
XV407	H	Phantom FGR.2*	19 Sqn	MPC from Wildenrath 10:00
*OC Wildenrath visited the 19 Sqn MPC.				
WT308	-	Canberra B[I].6	RAE	
VP957	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
G-BFCT	-	Cessna 172	Private	
		Jaguar GR.1		
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL591:82 4 FTS returned from loan to RAE Farnborough, see 31.10.77				

March 1978 [AIR 28/2310]

Station Flight dealt with 198 movements. 1 diversions: Hunter [hydraulics] from Brawdy 6.3				

Wednesday 1st March 1978 [BARG][MC 4/78][MG][HO][AIR 24/3277][MB]

19 Sqn MPC AM no range slots due to bad weather at Llanbedr. PM no range slots due to winds outside Jindivik limits. PM practice range sortie [XV407 XV428 XV439 XV468]				
XR754	A	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	
XR773	D	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	
XS929	E	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	
XS901	G	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	
		Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	
XG158	21	Hunter F.6A	TWTU	
XG197	26	Hunter F.6A	TWTU	
XG228	E	Hunter FGA.9	TWTU	
XE624	G	Hunter FGA.9	TWTU	
XG155	J	Hunter FGA.9	TWTU	
XK140	N	Hunter FGA.9	TWTU	
XG264	T	Hunter FGA.9	TWTU	
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL600:83 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3S repaired ? see 11.7.78				

Thursday 2nd March 1978 [MC 4/78][HE][HO][AIR 28/2309][AIR 24/3277][MB]

19 Sqn MPC AM 1x AIM-9 fired. PM 1x AIM-9 fired.				
XV439	A	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	MPC, still there 6.3
XV468	D	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	MPC, still there 6.3
XV428	E	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	MPC, still there 6.3

XV407	H	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	MPC, still there 6.3
XW320	50	JP T.5A*	CFS	STCAAME



*Carried out spinning sorties with the 19 Sqn pilots, operated from the STCAAME ramp.
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WB534	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
XW987	-	Buccaneer S.2	RAE W Freugh	PD
XP556	B	JP T.4	CATCS	
XR674	D	JP T.4	CATCS	
XW419	65	JP T.5A	1 FTS	
XW852	A	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
68-0055	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
WE121	21	Canberra TT.18	RAE Llanbedr	PD
	-	Beaver AL.1	/AAC	

Based noted:

Hunter T.7 XL621:81 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for overhaul.

Whirlwind HAR.10 2[A]FTS detachment.

XP394:C XP405:D XP333:G XR485:Q

Friday 3rd March 1978 [MG][CW][AIR 24/3277]

19 Sqn MPC

AM range slot aborted due to communication problems between Aberporth and Llanbedr.

PM 1x AIM-7 fired.

PM 15:20 local flying [XV439]

XW987	-	Buccaneer S.2	RAE West Freugh	PD approach R.14
		Hunter	TWTU	
		Hunter	TWTU	
		Hunter T.7	TWTU	
		Hunter T.7	TWTU	
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	PD

Based noted:

Hawk T.1 XX162 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.

Saturday 4th March 1978 [MC 4/78][HE][HO]

XV103	103	VC-10 C.1	10 Sqn	
		Bulldog T.1	[Wales UAS]	
		Bulldog T.1	[Wales UAS]	

Sunday 5th March 1978 [AIR 27/3422]

XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
Climber winched off cliff face at Clogwyn Du'r Arddu and flown to Bangor Hospital.				
XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
Injured seaman flown from a trawler 10nms N of Rhyl to Rhyl Hospital.				
XT604	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Man suffering from epilepsy flown from Cwm-y-Llan to Bangor Hospital.				
XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Diabetic man flown from Cwm Llafar to Bangor Hospital.				

Monday 6th March 1978 [BARG][MC 4/78][HO][CW][AIR 27/3419][AIR 24/3277]

19 Sqn MPC				
A 19 Sqn aircraft [XV468] took off at 15:20 and acted as chase for a pair of 56 Sqn QRA aircraft [XV469 & XV482] which attempted to fire a missile on the range, the 56 Sqn aircraft then flew directly back to Wattisham, the 19 Sqn returned back to Valley at 16:00.				
19 Sqn [4 aircraft] departed back to Wildenrath at 17:30 post their MPC, see 27.2				
XV407	H	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	MPC
XV428	E	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	MPC
XV439	A	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	MPC
XV468	D	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	MPC
XX817	BB	Jaguar GR.1	17 Sqn	
XZ388	BK	Jaguar GR.1	17 Sqn	
XX834	BL	Jaguar GR.1	17 Sqn	
XX840	BZ	Jaguar T.2	17 Sqn	
G-ATDH	-	GY-80 Horizon 160	Private	
XG194	A	Hunter FGA.9*	TWTU	
*Emergency landing due to hydraulic failure, repaired in the Hunter Hangar, departed 8.4				
		JP T.5		
		HS.125		

Tuesday 7th March 1978 [BARG][MC 6/78][HO][CW][AIR 24/3277][AIR 27/3422]

STCAAME				
*From Binbrook to Aberporth Range PM, part of 'Omega Minor.'				
2x Firestreaks fired				
XP741	N	Lightning F.3*	11 Sqn	
		Lightning F.3*	5 Sqn	
XM656	-	Vulcan B.2	101 Sqn	
XW315	63	JP T.5A	CFS	
XZ176		Lynx AH.1	/AAC	
		Jetranger	Private	All white scheme
XW852	A	Gazelle HT.3	CFS[H]	
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XT604	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire

Search for a person in the water off Llanfairfechan, nothing seen.

Wednesday 8th March 1978 [BARG][MC 6/78][HO]

XV408	N	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	
XT908	P	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	
		Jaguar GR.1		

Thursday 9th March 1978 [HO][CW][AIR 24/3277][AIR 27/3429][MB]

XV302	302	Hercules C.1	30 Sqn	'RRR5396' F/L Dyson
Routed: Lyneham-Valley[10:25/12:30]-Lyneham-Wildenrath-Lyneham.				
		JP T.3A		
		Canberra		
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX169 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing.				

Friday 10th March 1978 [AIR 24/3277][AIR 27/3249][MB]

XV196	196	Hercules C.1	30 Sqn	'RRR5396'
Routed: Lyneham-Valley[09:00/10:25]-Wildenrath-Lyneham, return of 19 Sqn support.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR998:47 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 14.10.77				

Saturday 11th March 1978 [DT]

David Cyster made landfall in Australia at Darwin where he was met by his wife.
He started his flight 7.2.78 from the UK.





50TH ANNIVERSARY FLIGHT - FLYING HOURS ENGLAND TO AUSTRALIA

		<u>Mins</u>
February	7 Dunsfold to Marseille	7:45
	8 to Rome	4:45
	9 at Rome (air test)	:20
	10 to Brindisi	4:45
	10 to Corfu	2:30
	13 to Athens	3:40
	14 Athens RTB (Wx)	:15
	15 to Iraklion	2:30
	16 to Cairo	6:00
	18 to Wejh	5:55
	19 to Gassim	5:45
	20 to Bahrain	4:45
	21 to Dubai	3:20
	22 to Jawani (oil stop)	4:00
	22 to Karachi	3:45
	23 to Ahmadaba	4:45
	24 to Nagpur	5:40
	26 to Calcutta	7:30
	28 to Chittagong (radio u/s)	3:15
March	1 to Rangoon	5:50
	2 to Phuket	8:20
	3 to Kota Bahru	4:15
	3 to Singapore	4:25
	5 to Jakarta	7:30
	6 to Surabaya	5:20
	7 to Bali	2:45
	8 to Kupang	8:20
	9 to Darwin (RTB Head wind)	6:00
	11 to Darwin	8:25
	14 to Brunette Downs	7:50
	15 to Longreach	8:40
	16 to Bundaberg	6:55
	18 to Brisbane	2:45
	21 to Coff's Harbour	2:15
	22 to Sydney	1:05

See 7.2.78 [All: Dick Thomas Collection]

Sunday 12th March 1978 [AIR 28/2310]

	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	
	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	
C Flt/22 Sqn detached to Finningley until 16.3 for the presentation of a new Sqn Standard. 2 SAR[Training]Sqn took over full standby cover.				

Monday 13th March 1978 [HO][AIR 24/3277]

STCAAME				
*TACEVAL scramble from Coningsby AM to fire an AIM-9				
**TACEVAL scramble to fire an AIM-9				
Both firings were aborted due to a holding aircraft entering the Range plus cloud cover.				
		Phantom FGR.2*	29 Sqn	
		Phantom FGR.2**	111 Sqn	
		Jaguar		
		Jaguar		
Based noted:				
Hawk T.1 XX162 XX185 4 FTS/CFS visited Leuchars.				

Tuesday 14th March 1978 [MC 6/78][HO][CW]

XZ588	-	Sea King HAR.3	RAFSKTU	
		F-111		
		Devon		
		Andover E.3	115 Sqn	15:20
		4x Gazelle HT.3	CFS	

Wednesday 15th March 1978 [MC 6/78][HO][CW][AIR 27/3422][GP]

22 Sqn				
Presented with a new Sqn Standard at Finningley.				
SARTS provided the SAR cover while 22 Sqn personnel were away.				
22 Sqn ORB mentions personnel being picked up by Hercules and taken to Finningley.				
XZ630	-	Tornado P[S].12	A&AEE	
XX494	71	Jetstream T.1	METS	
		Jaguar	BAe	
Based noted:				
Hunter T.7 XL597:87 4 FTS visited Coltishall.				

Friday 17th March 1978 [AIR 24/3277]

STCAAME				
*QRA scramble of a pair of 56 Sqn aircraft [XV420 & XV500] from Wattisham to Aberporth Range. XV500 fired an AIM-9 and landed at Valley 10:40 for de-brief, the other aircraft returned direct to Wattisham.				
XV500	[H]	Phantom FGR.2*	56 Sqn	To Wattisham 12:00

Saturday 18th March 1978 [MC 6/78]

G-BBBS	-	Cessna 182P	Private	
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Sunday 19th March 1978 [MC 4/78]

22 Sqn completed their 2000 th Rescue at Valley. Mountain Rescue near Clogwyn. Crew: F/L Paul Martin, F/L Geoff Clarke & F/S Ted Berry.				
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Monday 20th March 1978 [MC 6/78][HE][HO][AIR 24/3277]

*Scrambled from Leuchars, 1x AIM-9 fired and landed at Valley 11:05 for de-brief.				
XV424	B	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	STCAAME, departed 12:05
G-BBDM	-	AA-5 Traveller	Private	

Tuesday 21st March 1978 [MC 6/78][HO][CW]

XR524	AF	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XT669	AT	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
G-AZAV	-	Cessna 337F	Private	
XX450	F	Gazelle AH.1*	ARWS/AAC	'AAC232' from EMA
XX457	H	Gazelle AH.1*	ARWS/AAC	'AAC236'
XW911	I	Gazelle AH.1*	ARWS/AAC	'AAC238' from EMA
XZ315	P	Gazelle AH.1*	ARWS/AAC	'AAC231'
XZ320	T	Gazelle AH.1*	ARWS/AAC	'AAC233' from EMA
*The Gazelles were here for Mountain Flying from Middle Wallop. F/H/T routed back to Middle Wallop via Staverton.				

Wednesday 22nd March 1978 [MC 6/78][HE][HO][CW]

XZ238	450:SS	Lynx HAS.2	702 NAS	HMS Sirius to Prestwick
XT785	635	Wasp HAS.1	703 NAS	
XR524	AF	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XR511	AL	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XT669	AS	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
G-AZAV	-	Cessna 337	Private	
G-AXYA	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	
	-	Beaver AL.1	/AAC	
		Puma HC.1		
		Puma HC.1		

Thursday 23rd March 1978 [AIR 27/3422][MB]

XT604	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Both involved in a search for 2 men in a dinghy between Rhos-on-Sea and Liverpool.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR574:24 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3S				

Friday 24th March 1978 [MC 5/78][CW]

G-AYZN	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	From & to Halfpenny Green
		Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	

Saturday 25th March 1978 [AIR 27/3422]

XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Sick man flown from Trinity House ship 15nms N of Llandudno to Bangor Hospital.				

Sunday 26th March 1978 [MC 6/78]

G-BBBS	-	Cessna 182P	Private	
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Tuesday 28th March 1978 [AIR 27/3422]

XT604	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Search carried out 28-29.3 for a missing light aircraft in Lake District & Morecambe Bay.				

Wednesday 29th March 1978 [MC 6/78][HO][CW]

WB533	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
G-APWY	-	Piaggio P.166AL	Private	
XW429	57	JP T.5A	CFS/RFS	
XW430	58	JP T.5A	CFS/RFS	
XZ133	A	Harrier GR.3	233 OCU	N/stop
XV756	D	Harrier GR.3	233 OCU	
XV807	L	Harrier GR.3	233 OCU	N/stop
XW934	06	Harrier T.4	1 Sqn	N/stop
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
XV202	202	Hercules C.1	LTW	'RRR797'
XX492	70	Jetstream T.1	6 FTS	'PG'

Thursday 30th March 1978 [MC 6/78][HO][AIR 24/3277]

STCAAME				
*QRA scramble from Coningsby, 1x AIM-9 fired then landed at Valley 10:30 for de-brief.				
XV495	X	Phantom FGR.2*	29 Sqn	To Coningsby 12:05
XR727	F	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	



[Tudor Rowlands]

XS897	H	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	
				
[Tudor Rowlands]				
G-AXKD	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	
WB533	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
		Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
Based noted:				
				
Hunter F.6 XF509:73 4 FTS [Tudor Rowlands] Whirlwind HAR.10 2[A]FTS Detachment XP331:T XD163:X				

Friday 31st March 1978 [MC 5/78 & 6/78][HE][HO]

70-2408	LN[y]	F-111F	493 TFS/48 TFW	PD 'JESTER23'
72-1448	LN[g]	F-111F	495 TFS/48 TFW	
XN459	20	JP T.3A	1 FTS	
XN606	36	JP T.3A	1 FTS	
XX192	107	Hawk T.1A	1 TWU	1 st camo Hawk noted
G-AZSZ	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	From Coventry
G-BBNK	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	
G-BBEY	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	

April 1978 [AIR 28/2310]

Station Flight dealt with 276 movements including 10 VIP.

Saturday 1st April 1978 [AIR 28/2310][AIR 27/3422]

		Lightning		Fuel diversion.
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XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Lightning diverted short of fuel, not required.				
XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Fallen climber winched aboard from Patterdale, Lake District.				

Monday 3rd April 1978 [BARG][MC 6/78][HO][CW][AIR 27/3406][AIR 24/3277]

11 Sqn [6 aircraft] arrived from Binbrook at 10:00 for their MPC. 11 Sqn MPC 3-14.4, 5 missiles fired. PM range slot cancelled due to poor visibility at Llanbedr. PM range practice sortie [XR773 XS897 XS901]				
XR772	C	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XR773	D	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XR758	F	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XS901	G	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XS897	H	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XR727	J	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XS903	C	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	
68-0004	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
XS712	A	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XS735	R	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XV270	[C]	Beaver AL.1	AFWF/AAC	
		Buccaneer S.2		
XX370	-	Gazelle AH.1	2 Flt/AAC	
XW316	64	JP T.5A	3 FTS	
XW410	14	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XM651	-	Vulcan B.2	50 Sqn	
XJ824	-	Vulcan B.2	27 Sqn	
Based noted: Gnat T.1 4 FTS XR538:01 XP511:11 XR953:29 XP533:33 XS105:35 XR998:47 XS102:58 XP515:59 XP534:62 plus XP506:06 & XR980:17 under tarpaulins. Hunter F.6 4 FTS XG209:69 XF527:70 XG274:71 XF526:78 Hunter T.7 4 FTS XL609:80 XL597:87 XL613:91 Hawk T.1 4 FTS/CFS XX161-166 CFS & XX167-185 4 FTS Wessex HAR.2 C Flt/22 Sqn XT602 XT604 Whirlwind HAR.10 2[A]FTS Detachment XP394:C XP405:D XP331:T XD163:X				

Tuesday 4th April 1978 [MC 6/78][HE][HO][CW][AIR 28/2310][AIR 24/3277][PR]

11 Sqn MPC

AM no range slots due to poor visibility at Llanbedr.

AM range practice sortie [XR772 XS897 XS901]

PM no range slots due to crosswinds at Llanbedr.

XJ780	-	Vulcan B.2	27 Sqn	
XJ825	-	Vulcan B.2	27 Sqn	
XS712	A	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XS732	B	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XS903	C	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	
		Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	
XV270	-	Beaver AL.1	/AAC	Yellow spinner
G-BBGG	-	AA-5 Traveller	Private	
XW410	14	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW316	64	JP T.5A	1 FTS	
XV469	A	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	Yellow code
XV409	D	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	Red code
XX892	R	Buccaneer S.2	16 Sqn	
68-0053	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
68-0055	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
WL679	-	Varsity T.1	RAE	
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XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan

Pregnant woman in labour taken from RAF Valley to Bangor Hospital.

Based noted:



Whirlwind HAR.10 XP331:T 2[A]FTS
[Hywel Evans]



Hunter T.7 XL566:86 4 FTS. [Hywel Evans]



Hunter T.7 XL613:91 4 FTS. [Peter R Foster]

Gnat T.1 XR980:17 4 FTS visited Bruggen.

Wednesday 5th April 1978 [AIR 24/3277]

11 Sqn MPC no range slots all day due to crosswinds at Llanbedr. PM 15:00 local flying [XR727 XR758]				
		Lightning F.6		W/C Naz, OC Ops Binbrook
From Binbrook to visit the 11 Sqn MPC.				

Thursday 6th April 1978 [CW][AIR 24/3277][MB]

11 Sqn MPC no range slots all day due to crosswinds at Llanbedr.				
XR773	D	Lightning F.6*	11 Sqn	MPC
XS897	H	Lightning F.6*	11 Sqn	MPC
*Both Lightnings departed to Binbrook at 10:05, returning to Valley at 15:00.				
XV396	A	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	
XV497	Q	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	
One of the Phantoms visited STCAAME to collect equipment.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP506:06 ex. 4 FTS to Spadeadam for use as a ground target.				

Friday 7th April 1978 [CW][AIR 24/3277]

On this date PC Ken Williams from Penrhos visited RAF Valley with one of his Hawks!



[Dick Thomas Collection]

11 Sqn MPC

AM range sortie, no missiles fired.

PM no range slots due to crosswind at Llanbedr.

	-	Vulcan B.2		
	-	HS.125 CC.	32 Sqn	

Based noted:



XX176 with XX161 behind.



Hawk T.1 'Goshawk' flightline.



Vampire T.11 XE874 gate guardian.
[All: Dick Thomas Collection]

Saturday 8th April 1978 [CW]

		Canberra TT.18	[7 Sqn]	
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Sunday 9th April 1978 [CW]

		Canberra TT.18	7 Sqn	
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Monday 10th April 1978 [MC 6/78][HO][AIR 24/3277]

11 Sqn MPC no range slots all day due to snow at Llanbedr and the blocked runway. AM practice range sortie [XR727 XR773 XS897 XS901]				
XW533	Z	Buccaneer S.2*	16 Sqn	Emergency landing
*Burst tyres on landing, blocking the runway, still present 12.4				
G-ATDH	-	Horizon 160	Private	
Departed to Exeter at 16:50 but ditched off Porthcawl, S Wales at 18:05. Pilot, sole person on board was killed.				

Tuesday 11th April 1978 [MC 6/78][HO][CW][AIR 24/3277][MB]

11 Sqn MPC AM no range slots due to snow on the runway at Llanbedr. PM 1x Red Top fired.				
XR727	F	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC to Binbrook 17:55
XS929	E	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC from Binbrook 21:00
XL233	-	Victor K.2	55 Sqn	
	-	Vulcan B.2		
		Devon C.2	RAE	
		Gazelle AH.1	/AAC	
		Gazelle AH.1	/AAC	
		Buccaneer S.2		
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS104:44 4 FTS assessed as CAT.3S				

Wednesday 12th April 1978 [MC 6/78][HO][AIR 28/2310][AIR 24/3277]

11 Sqn MPC AM 1x Red Top fired.				
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AM 2x Red Top fired. PM no range slots due to other users. PM 15:15 local flying [XR772 XS901]				
XS485	A	Wessex HU.5	3 Sqn/2 FTS	
XS511	D	Wessex HU.5	3 Sqn/2 FTS	
XW198	CZ	Puma HC.1	240 OCU	
XR772	C	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XR773	D	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XS901	G	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XR758	J	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC to Binbrook 15:10
		Scout AH.1	/AAC	
		Scout AH.1	/AAC	
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XT604	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Girl in a coma flown from Snowdon to Bangor Hospital.				
Gnat T.1 CFS/Red Arrows XP514 XP535 XR540 XR572 XR955 XR977 XR987 XR991 XR993 XS101				

Thursday 13th April 1978 [AIR 24/3277]

11 Sqn MPC AM no range slots due to bad weather on the Range. PM no range slots due to crosswinds at Llanbedr. PM local flying 15:00 [XR772 & XS901] & 15:30 [XR773 & XS897]				

Friday 14th April 1978 [HO][AIR 27/3406]

11 Sqn MPC AM 1x Red Top fired. 11 Sqn [5 aircraft] departed back to Binbrook at 13:20 post their MPC.				
XR772	C	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Binbrook
XR773	D	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Binbrook
XS897	H	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Binbrook
XS901	G	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Binbrook
XS929	E	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Binbrook
		Devon		
	-	Vulcan B.2		
		Jaguar [GR.1]		W/e stop ? see 16.4
		Jaguar		

Saturday 15th April 1978 [HO][AIR 28/2310]

		Canberra		
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XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Climber with a broken leg flown from Gogarth, Holyhead to Bangor Hospital.				

Sunday 16th April 1978 [AIR 28/2310][DP]

		Jaguar GR.1		STCAAME
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XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
3 climbers stuck in a snow gully on Snowdon airlifted out and flown to Pen-y-Pass.				

Monday 17th April 1978 [MC 6/78][HO][AIR 27/3451]

XS610	610	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	ILS calibration
XT475	W-N:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
XS498	W-Q:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
XT479	W-X:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
Mountain Flying Detachment arrived 11:53.				
XV219	219	Hercules C.1	70 Sqn	'RRR5578' F/L Hobbs
Routed: Lyneham-Wildenrath-Valley[16:30/17:00]-Lyneham.				
G-AYNR	-	HS.125-400B	Mc Alpines	
G-APXP	-	Tri Pacer 160	Private	Departed 17:15
	-	HS.125 CC.	32 Sqn	
XR537	-	Gnat T.1	Red Arrows	
Formation flying several sorties with Hawk T.1 XX166, the Gnat was fitted with a camera.				
Based noted: JP T.4 XP583:12 fire dump.				

Tuesday 18th April 1978 [MC 5/78][HO][AIR 28/2310][DP]

G-AZME	-	PA-31 Navajo	All Seasons	From & to Halfpenny Green
XM296	-	Heron C.4	FONAC	Arrived 10:30
		Devon C.2/2		Departed 11:03
G-AVGI	-	PA-28 Cherokee	Private	Departed 13:43
		Jaguar GR.1		
Carried out engine runs outside the STCAAME hangar then towed back inside.				
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XT604	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Search near Bethesda for a report of a red flare.				
Based noted:				
				
Whirlwind HAR.10 XP333:G 2[A]FTS with XP405:D in the background.				

One of the 707 NAS Wessex can be seen between them in the distance, see 17.4
[David Peace]

Wednesday 19th April 1978 [HO][CW][DP]

XX966	BM	Jaguar GR.1	17 Sqn	
XX833	CZ	Jaguar T.2	20 Sqn	
		Buccaneer S.2		
		Buccaneer S.2		
		Buccaneer S.2		
XZ586	-	Sea King HAR.3	RAFSKTU	
XS79-	-	Andover CC.2	32 Sqn	Departed 18:04
XM837	407:NF	Wessex HAS.3	737 NAS	
		Cessna [400 series]	Private	Arrived 12:18
XZ575	410:BL	Sea King HAS.2	814 NAS	
XZ576	411:BL	Sea King HAS.2	814 NAS	
XV648	591:CU	Sea King HAS.1	706 NAS	
XV709	597:CU	Sea King HAS.1	706 NAS	
XZ590	-	Sea King HAR.3	RAFSKTU	[NAVY534] departed 18:23
XW288	66	JP T.5A	1 FTS	N/stop

Thursday 20th April 1978 [HO][CW][DP]

XM570	-	Vulcan B.2	35 Sqn	PD at 16:10
VP952	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
VP967	-	Devon C.2/2	Culdrose SF	
XW288	66	JP T.5A	1 FTS	Departed 13:50
XZ590	-	Sea King HAR.3	RAFSKTU	
Arrived at 14:55 & departed at 16:10 with the 4 Navy Sea Kings.				
XZ575	410:BL	Sea King HAS.2	814 NAS	
XZ576	411:BL	Sea King HAS.2	814 NAS	
XV648	591:CU	Sea King HAS.1	706 NAS	
XV709	597:CU	Sea King HAS.1	706 NAS	
XT475	W-N:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
XS498	W-Q:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
XT479	W-X:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
G-AVGI	-	PA-28 Cherokee	Private	Arrived 16:10

Based noted:

Gnat T.1 4 FTS

XR538:01 XP504:04 XM709:09 XP511:11 XR980:17 XR953:29 XP533:33
XP538:38 XR998:47 XP515:59 XR544:60 XP534:62 XS109:63 XP530:64.

Hunter F.6 4FTS

XG209:69 XF527:70 XF383:72 XF509:73

Hunter T.7 4 FTS

XL609:80 XL567:84 XL597:87 XL565:89

Wessex HAR.2 C Flt/22 Sqn
XT602 XT604

Friday 21st April 1978 [MC 5/78][DP][MB]

G-AYZN	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	From Halfpenny Green
XM464	23	JP T.3A	1 FTS	
XZ590	-	Sea King HAR.3	RAFSKTU	SARTU



Arrived at 12:35. [David Peace]

Based noted:

Hawk T.1 4 FTS, CFS badge*

XX161* XX162* XX164* XX165* XX166* XX172 XX173 XX174 XX175 XX176 XX178 XX183
XX185

Hunter F.6 4 FTS

XF527:70 XF383:72 XF526:78

Hunter T.7 4 FTS

XL609:80 XL591:82 XL567:84 WV372:85 XL597:87 XL565:89

XL573:97 returned from 5 MU Kemble, see 2.12.77

Gnat T.1 4 FTS

XP504:04 XP511:11 XR980:17 XR951:26 XR953:29 XP533:33

XP538:38 XS102:58 XP515:59 XR544:60 XP534:62 XS109:63 XP530:64



Gnat T.1 XR980:17 4 FTS heads the last Gnat flightline. [David Peace]

Wessex HAR.2 C Flt/22 Sqn

XT602 XT604

Whirlwind HAR.10 2[A]FTS

XP405:D XP333:G XP331:T

Vampire T.11 XE874 Gate Guardian.

Saturday 22nd April 1978 [CW][AIR 28/2310]

XZ589	-	Sea King HAR.3*	RAFSKTU	SARTU
XZ590	-	Sea King HAR.3*	RAFSKTU	SARTU
*Valley MRT exercised with both. Both Sea Kings were from Culdrose. RAFSKTU [RAF Sea King Training Unit]				

Sunday 23rd April 1978 [CW]

XT422	326	Wasp HAS.1	829 NAS	HMS Arrow
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP504:04 4 FTS Leeming Airshow, static. Hawk T.1 XX166:166 4 FTS Leeming Airshow, static. Hunter T.7 XL597:87 4 FTS Leeming Airshow, static.				

Monday 24th April 1978 [MC 5/78][HO][SB][MB]

XZ327	-	Gazelle AH.1	/AAC	From Staverton, M Wallop
FC-07	-	TF-104G		Belgian AF
		Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
	-	Vulcan B.2		
		JP T.5A		
XM837	407:NF	Wessex HAS.3	737 Sqn	Scott Wilson
From Shawbury for Mountain Flying, departed to Brawdy 27.4				
		Gnat T.1*	Red Arrows	
		Gnat T.1*	Red Arrows	
XV748	B	Harrier GR.3*	233 OCU	
XV807	L	Harrier GR.3*	233 OCU	
*The 2 Gnats & Harriers flew in formation.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR574:24 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble. [XR574 subsequently joined the Red Arrows before being allocated 8631M 24.5.79 It then flew to Cosford 3.10.79 for ground instruction. To 1 SoTT Halton 17.4.84 coded '72' Then to DCAE Cosford 1993 and then to the Halton Museum 11.6.07]				

Tuesday 25th April 1978 [HO][AIR 24/3277][SB][MB]

*The 3 LTF aircraft visited to deliver Firestreak missiles for their forthcoming MPC. Wessex HAS.3 XM837:405:NF carried out sorties in the MFTA, see 24.4.				
		Lightning F.3*	LTF	STCAAME
		Lightning F.3*	LTF	STCAAME
		Lightning F.3*	LTF	STCAAME
XW544	H	Buccaneer S.2	15 Sqn	
		Buccaneer S.2	15 Sqn	
		Buccaneer S.2	15 Sqn	
	-	Vulcan B.2		

		[Nord 262]		
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP541:41 4 FTS delivered to CFS/Red Arrows.				

Wednesday 26th April 1978 [HO][AIR 28/2310][AIR 27/3422][SB]

Wessex HAS.3 XM837:405:NF carried out an air test, see 24.4				
XR716	C	Lightning F.3	LTF	
XP694	R	Lightning F.3	5 Sqn	
	-	Vulcan B.2		
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XR544	60	Gnat T.1	4 FTS	Early morning
Crashed on short finals to Runway 14 due to a fuel pump failure with subsequent engine flame out. Wreck airlifted out by Sea King from Culdrose or Prestwick, remains seen in scrap compound 21.6.78. Wessex HAR.2 XT602 22 Sqn [F/L Stirling] flew both pilots to the SMC, Valley. The wreck ended up at Farnborough by 1.79.				
Instr	F/L	J A A Dobbie	Ejected, back injury	
Student	F/L	D Newbury	Ejected, back flying 27.4.78	



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[via Mike Hulme]



Seen here 16.7.2019 are the remains of some of the nose/cockpit area of XR544.
[Hywel Evans]

Thursday 27th April 1978 [HO][CW][SB]

		Hercules	[LTW]	
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		Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
		Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
		Wessex HU.5		
		Wessex HU.5		
XM837	407:NF	Wessex HAS.3	737 NAS	To Brawdy, see 24.4

Friday 28th April 1978 [HO][CW]

	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
	-	Beaver AL.1	/AAC	

Sunday 30th April 1978 [AIR 28/2310][AIR 27/3422]

XT604	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Yacht reported in difficulties off Red Wharf Bay.				
XT604	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Fallen walker on Crib Goch, assisted MRT with a stretcher lift.				

Monday 1st May 1978 [HO][AIR 27/3422]

		Cessna 172	Private	
XP825	-	Beaver AL.1	/AAC	
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XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Search near Bethesda following a sighting of red flares, nothing seen.				

Tuesday 2nd May 1978 [MG]

232	-	Super King Air	Irish Air Corps	Seen on approach to R.14
EI-BCY	-	Super King Air	Irish Air Corps	
	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	

Wednesday 3rd May 1978 [HO][CW]

		Devon		
		5x F-111		PD
		Hercules C.1	LTW	
		Canberra		
		Jaguar		

Thursday 4th May 1978 [MC 8/78][HE][HO][CW][AIR 27/3422]

136224	[224]	CH-136A*	444 Sqn	Canadian Armed Forces
136226	[226]	CH-136A*	444 Sqn	CAF
136230	[230]	CH-136A*	444 Sqn	CAF
136231	[231]	CH-136A*	444 Sqn	CAF
136232	[232]	CH-136A*	444 Sqn	CAF
136234	[234]	CH-136A*	444 Sqn	CAF
*The CH-136 Kiowa's were from Lahr AFB, West Germany.				

	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	
XR653	H	JP T.4	CATCS	PD
	-	HS.125		
		Meteor		
XT604	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
2 men winched off a capsized boat off Trearddur Bay.				

Friday 5th May 1978 [MC 8/78][HO][MB]

68-0006	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
		Buccaneer		
		Canberra		
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP515:59 4 FTS delivered to CFS/Red Arrows Detachment. Gnat T.1 XP541:41 returned from CFS to 4 FTS, see 25.4.78				

Sunday 7th May 1978 [HO][CW]

		VC-10 C.1	10 Sqn	
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	

Monday 8th May 1978 [BARG][MC 8/78][HO][CW][AIR 24/3277]

LTF [2x T.5 & 3x F.3] arrived from Binbrook at 09:45 for their MPC. PM no range slots due to weather outside limits at Llanbedr.				
XS416	V	Lightning T.5	LTF	MPC
XS458	Z	Lightning T.5	LTF	MPC
XP694	R	Lightning F.3	LTF	MPC 5 Sqn aircraft ?
XP749	A	Lightning F.3	LTF	MPC
XR716	C	Lightning F.3	LTF	MPC
XV261	61	Nimrod MR.1	St Mawgan Wg	
XX818	BC	Jaguar GR.1*	17 Sqn	STCAAME
XX956	BH	Jaguar GR.1*	17 Sqn	STCAAME
*The Jaguars were taking part in a chaff dispensing trial in Aberporth Range.				
	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	

Tuesday 9th May 1978 [BARG][MC 8/78][HO][CW][AIR 24/3277][AIR 27/3422][MB]

LTF MPC AM range slot aborted. PM no range slots due to other users. *The 17 Sqn Jaguars flew a total of 4 chaff dispensing trial sorties, see 8.5				
XX818	BC	Jaguar GR.1*	17 Sqn	
XX956	BH	Jaguar GR.1*	17 Sqn	
XS640	640	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	
G-BEAG	-	PA-34 Seneca 200	Private	

		4x Gazelle HT.3	2 FTS	
	-	HS.125		
	-	Falcon 20		
-				
XT604	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
80yr old man with head injuries flown from Crib-y-Ddisgyl to Bangor Hospital.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX169 returned from Kemble, see 9.3.78				

Wednesday 10th May 1978 [HO][CW][AIR 24/3277]

LTF MPC AM 2x Firestreaks fired. PM no range slots due to other users.				
XX818	BC	Jaguar GR.1	17 Sqn	To Bruggen, see 8.5
XX956	BH	Jaguar GR.1	17 Sqn	To Bruggen, see 8.5
		4x Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
		Buccaneer		
		Jaguar		
		Andover E.3	115 Sqn	

Thursday 11th May 1978 [MC 8/78][HO][AIR 24/3277][AIR 27/3422]

LTF MPC AM range slot cancelled due to Jindivik unserviceability. PM no range slot due to weather outside limits at Llanbedr. PM range practice [XS416 XS458 XP694]				
XP694	R	Lightning F.3	5 Sqn	[LTF MPC]
		Lightning		
		Phantom		
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XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Injured Seaman flown from a trawler 15nms N of Point Lynas to Bangor Hospital.				
XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Search for a man overboard on the Holyhead-Dublin ferry, nothing seen.				

Friday 12th May 1978 [MC 8/78][HO][CW][AIR 24/3277]

LTF MPC no range slots all day due to crosswinds at Llanbedr. AM range practice [XS416 XS458 XP694 XP749 XR716] observed tailchasing N of Wylfa.				
XR716	C	Lightning F.3	LTF	MPC
XP749	A	Lightning F.3	LTF	MPC
XP694	R	Lightning F.3	LTF	MPC
XS416	V	Lightning T.5	LTF	MPC
XS458	Z	Lightning T.5	LTF	MPC
69-5827	-	HC-130N	67 ARRS	
G-BBHW	-	Gazelle	Private	

122	D	Super Frelon	32F	French Navy
148	K	Super Frelon	32F	French Navy
XZ232	333	Lynx HAS.2	829 NAS	HMS Birmingham
WB533	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	

Saturday 13th May 1978 [MC 8/78][HO][CW]

XX625	45	Bulldog T.1*	Wales UAS	
XX626	46	Bulldog T.1*	Wales UAS	
XX627	47	Bulldog T.1 *	Wales UAS	
*Weekend Detachment.				
		Canberra TT.18	7 Sqn	From St Mawgan

Sunday 14th May 1978 [MC 8/78][HO][CW][AIR 27/3422]

XX492	70	Jetstream T.1	3 FTS	
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XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
Fallen climber plus 2 others flown from Tryfan to Bangor Hospital.				

Monday 15th May 1978 [MC 8/78][HO][AIR 24/3278]

LTF MPC AM 2x Firestreak fired. PM 1x Firestreak fired.				
122	D	Super Frelon	32F	'CBDD' French Navy
[145]	K	Super Frelon	32F	'CBDK' French Navy
XP749	A	Lightning F.3	[LTF]	MPC
XS458	Z	Lightning T.5	LTF	MPC

Tuesday 16th May 1978 [BARG][MC 8/78][HO][CW][AIR 24/3277]

LTF [5 aircraft] departed back to Binbrook post their MPC.				
XR716	C	Lightning F.3	LTF	MPC
XP694	R	Lightning F.3	LTF	MPC
XP749	A	Lightning F.3	LTF	MPC
XS420	V	Lightning T.5	LTF	MPC
XS458	Z	Lightning T.5	LTF	MPC
XX492	70	Jetstream T.1	3 FTS	
XX495	72	Jetstream T.1	3 FTS	
XS639	639	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	
		2x Jaguar/F-5 ?		
		2x Buccaneer ?		

Wednesday 17th May 1978 [HO][CW]

		3x Hercules		
XP764	R	Lightning F.3	5 Sqn	

	-	Vulcan B.2		
	-	HS.125		

Thursday 18th May 1978 [CW]

		Andover E.3	115 Sqn	
	-	Victor K.2		
	-	Vulcan B.2		
		Phantom		
		Phantom		
		Bulldog T.1		

Friday 19th May 1978 [AIR 27/3422]

XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Search for missing canoeists near the Middle Mouse, found safe elsewhere.				
XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
Gnat precautionary, not required.				

Sunday 21st May 1978 [AIR 27/3422]

XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Swimmer winched from Penrhyn Lake and taken to Valley SMC.				

Monday 22nd May 1978 [BARG][MC 8/78][HO]

XH562	-	Vulcan B.2	44 Sqn	
XX556	17	Bulldog T.1	RNEFTS	
XX713	41	Bulldog T.1	CFS	
XT481	E	Wessex HU.5	846 NAS	
XS520	F	Wessex HU.5	846 NAS	
XT453	G	Wessex HU.5	846 NAS	

Tuesday 23rd May 1978 [HO][CW]

		4x Lightnings		
		3x Phantoms		
		2x Jaguars		
		2x Buccaneers		
	-	Vulcan B.2		
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
69-5823	-	HC-130N	67 ARRS	'KING88'

Wednesday 24th May 1978 [HO][CW][AIR 24/3277]

*The 5 Sqn aircraft delivered Red Top missiles for their forthcoming MPC.				
		Lightning F.6*	5 Sqn	STCAAME
		Lightning F.6*	5 Sqn	STCAAME
	-	HC-130	67 ARRS	Same as the 23.5 ?

	-	HH-53C	67 ARRS	
XX768	BA	Jaguar GR.1	17 Sqn	
XX817	BB	Jaguar GR.1	17 Sqn	
XX819	BD	Jaguar GR.1	17 Sqn	
XX840	BZ	Jaguar T.2	17 Sqn	
	-	Vulcan B.2		

Thursday 25th May 1978 [MC 7/78][CW][MB]

XW889	D	Gazelle AH.1	ARWS/AAC	To Staverton
XW911	I	Gazelle AH.1	ARWS/AAC	To Staverton
XZ313	N	Gazelle AH.1	ARWS/AAC	To Staverton
XZ320	T	Gazelle AH.1	ARWS/AAC	To Staverton
		Jetstream T.1	METS	
Based noted: Hunter F.6 XG290 delivered to 4 FTS on loan from RAE Bedford, became '74'				

Friday 26th May 1978 [CW]

		Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
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Saturday 27th May 1978 [@MAR 12/21][AIR 27/3422]

XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Walker with a broken ankle flown from Half Way Station, Snowdon to Bangor Hospital				
XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Report of a fallen climber on Tryfan, not required.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX166:166 [27.5] XX169:169 [28.5] 4 FTS attended Bassingbourn Airshow.				

Sunday 28th May 1978 [AIR 27/3422]

XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Martin
Heart attack patient flown from Trinity House ship 'Winston Churchill' to Bangor Hospital.				

Tuesday 30th May 1978 [MC 7/78][CW][AIR 27/3422]

G-AZRB	-	Cessna 340	Private	From & to Staverton
	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	
XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Injured motorcyclist flown from Pont Fadog to Aberystwyth Hospital.				

Wednesday 31st May 1978 [MC 8/78][HE][HO][CW][AIR 24/3277][AIR 27/3422][MB]

*The 5 Sqn aircraft delivered missiles for their forthcoming MPC.				
XR760	B	Lightning F.6*	5 Sqn	STCAAME
XS928	L	Lightning F.6*	5 Sqn	STCAAME
XX201	116	Hawk T.1A	1 TWU	

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XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Youth winched off rocks at Little Orme and taken to Llandudno Police.				
XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
10ft boat with 5 people onboard missing, nothing seen.				
Based noted:				
Hunter T.7 XL591:82 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble.				

Thursday 1st June 1978 [BARG][MC 8/78][HO][CW][AIR 27/3548]

XS728	E	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XS731	J	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XS716	L	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XS738	U	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XT460	D	Wessex HU.5	846 NAS	
XT481	E	Wessex HU.5	846 NAS	
XS520	F	Wessex HU.5	846 NAS	
XT453	G	Wessex HU.5	846 NAS	
XS481	Z	Wessex HU.5	846 NAS	
XR679	M	JP T.4	CATCS	
		Phantom		
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XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	C Flt/22 Sqn	F/L Starling
Fallen climber on Crib Goch taken to Bangor Hospital.				
XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	C Flt/22 Sqn	F/L Starling
Scrambled to climber on Clogwyn, unable to reach due to fog.				

Friday 2nd June 1978 [MC 7/78][HE][HO]

69-5827	-	HC-130N	67 ARRS	
68-0030	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	PD
XT627	-	Scout AH.1	AAC	
G-ASMF	-	Beech Travel Air	Private	From Halfpenny Green
G-BBOM	-		Private	

Saturday 3rd June 1978 [HO]

		[Partenavia]	Private	
		[Do-28D]		

Sunday 4th June 1978 [AIR 27/3548]

XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	C Flt/22 Sqn	F/L Starling
Fallen climber on Tryfan taken to Bangor Hospital.				

Monday 5th June 1978 [HO][Pprune MAINJAVAD][CW][AIR 24/3277][AIR 27/3548][MB]

5 Sqn [5 aircraft] arrived from Binbrook at 09:40 for their MPC.				
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5 Sqn MPC 5-.6.78 PM no range slots due to Llanbedr radar being unserviceable. PM practice range sortie [XR753 XS899 XS928 XS931]				
XR753	A	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
XS899	C	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
XS921	H	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
XS928	L	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
XS931	D	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
	-	Vulcan B.2		
	-	Vulcan B.2		
		Devon C.2/2		
	-	Basset CC.1		
	-	Victor K.2	55 Sqn	
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XS104:44 4 FTS noted at Kemble, see 11.4.78 [XS104 was subsequently allocated 8604M 7.8.78 taken by road to 2 SoTT Cosford 14.11.78 for ground instruction. It was sold in 1988 to Arnold Glass/Ruanil Investments Ltd [Cranfield] and registered as G-FRCE 28.11.89 for Jason Walker/Butane Buzzard Aviation [Stanford-le-Hope] and flown again 2.12.90 The registration was cancelled 25.2.00. To Airborne Innovations Ltd [N Weald] 16.1.04 and restored as G-FCRE to Red Gnat Ltd [London] 19.11.09]				
				
Seen here at Cranfield 31.3.91 [Hywel Evans] Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn training with Ogwen MRT.				

Tuesday 6th June 1978 [BARG][CW][AIR 24/3277][AIR 27/3548]

5 Sqn MPC AM 2x Red Top fired. PM no range slots due to other users. PM local flying 15:45 [XR753 & XS928] & 16:04 [XS921 & XS931]				
XR753	A	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
XS931	D	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
XS921	H	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
XS928	L	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC

	-	Vulcan B.2		
		Buccaneer S.2		
Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn training with Holyhead lifeboat.				

Wednesday 7th June 1978 [HO][Pprune Dominator2 logbook*][CW][AIR 24/3277]

5 Sqn MPC no range slots all day due to bad weather at Llanbedr.				
		4x Buccaneer		
		Shackleton		
XT908	P	Phantom FGR.2*	23 Sqn	N/stop
		2x Jaguar	2 Sqn	
		F-111		

Thursday 8th June 1978 [BARG][HO][CW][AIR 24/3277]

5 Sqn MPC AM 1x Red Top fired. PM 2x Red Top fired.				
XS933	G	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	
Arrived from Binbrook at 11:40 and departed back to Binbrook with XS921 at 17:30				
XS921	H	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC to Binbrook 17:30
XV475	C	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	
XV484	G	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	
XV491	L	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	
XV423	E	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	
XV476	S	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	
XT908	P	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	See 7.6
XV756	D	Harrier GR.3	233 OCU	
XV760	F	Harrier GR.3	233 OCU	
XW922	K	Harrier GR.3	233 OCU	
XV572	N	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	

Friday 9th June 1978 [AIR 24/3277]

5 Sqn MPC AM 10:05 local flying [XR753 XS899 XS928] 5 Sqn [4 aircraft] departed back to Binbrook at 12:23 post their MPC. STCAAME ORB mentions 5 aircraft departing ?				
XR753	A	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	To Binbrook
XS899	C	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	To Binbrook
XS928	L	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	To Binbrook
XS931	D	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	To Binbrook

Saturday 10th June 1978 [BARG][HO][CW]

XX847	AY	Jaguar T.2	14 Sqn	
	AR	RF-4C	/10 TRW	

Sunday 11th June 1978 [MC 10/78][HO][AIR 27/3548]

XW615	-	Scout AH.1*	657 Sqn/AAC	
XV130	-	Scout AH.1*	657 Sqn/AAC	
*Both to East Midlands Airport then Colchester.				
		DH.82A Tiger Moth		
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XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	C Flt/22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Boy on Great Orme transferred to Lifeboat & taken to Llandudno Hospital.				

Monday 12th June 1978 [BARG][HO][CW]

102	E	Super Frelon	27S	French Navy
149	L	Super Frelon	32F	French Navy

Tuesday 13th June 1978 [BARG][HO][CW]

58+69	-	Do.28D	TSLW-1	WGAF
58+96	-	Do.28D	JG-74	WGAF
XT416	442	Wasp HAS.1	829 NAS	HMS Zulu
XX498	75	Jetstream T.1	METS	
		Gnat T.1	Red Arrows	
		Gnat T.1	Red Arrows	
		Puma HC.1		
		Phantom		
	-	Vulcan B.2		Flew over Wylfa.
	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	

Wednesday 14th June 1978 [BARG][HO][MG][CW][AIR 27/3548]

XZ363	Z	Jaguar GR.1	41 Sqn	Or XZ358:L
69-0377	JO	RF-4C**	/363 TRW	Or 66-0377?
**Emergency landing accompanied by the Jaguar and other RF-4. 22 Sqn Wessex HAR.2 XT680 [F/L Coy] was scrambled for this but not required.				
66-0407	JO	RF-4C*	/363 TRW	
*'Coronet Heron' on TDY [temporary duty] to Coltishall.				
XL425	-	Vulcan B.2	617 Sqn	
G-ATBR	-	PA-28 Cherokee	Private	
	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	

Thursday 15th June 1978 [BARG][HO][CW][AIR 27/3548]

76-0020	BT	F-15A	/36 TFW	N/stop?
65-0749	WR	F-4D*	/81 TFW	
*Still airworthy with the Collings Foundation as N749CF [2023].				
XP140	654:PO	Wessex HAS.3	737 NAS	
XM927	660:PO	Wessex HAS.3	737 NAS	

XP150	-:PO	Wessex HAS.3	737 NAS	
		Wessex HAS.3	737 NAS	
XV432	D	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	
XV434	J	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	
XV408	N	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	
XT908	P	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	
		Hercules C.1		
21081	314-YK	T-33A*	GE.314	French AF
21132	314-YV	T-33A*	GE.314	French AF
*The French Air Force T-33's were on an exchange visit with CFS at Valley.				
XX498	[75]	Jetstream T.1	METS	
XH169	-	Canberra PR.9	39 Sqn	
Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn training with Holyhead lifeboat.				

Friday 16th June 1978 [HO][CW]

XT461	A	Wessex HU.5	846 NAS	
XT760	B	Wessex HU.5	846 NAS	
XT449	C	Wessex HU.5	846 NAS	
XS513	Y	Wessex HU.5	846 NAS	
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX180:180 4 FTS visited Manston.				

Saturday 17th June 1978 [HO][AIR 27/3548]

	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	
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XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	C Flt/22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Search for 3 missing Army apprentices, found & flown to the MRT at Cwm Eigiau.				
XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	C Flt/22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
2 people airlifted off a capsized dinghy off Rhosneigr.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX185:185 4 FTS Waddington Airshow flying, operated from Scampton. Hawk T.1 XX172:172 4 FTS spare aircraft for XX185. ATC Summer Camp air experience flying. Chipmunk T.10 WK624:12 WP900:13 10 AEF				

Sunday 18th June 1978 [BARG][CW][AIR 27/3548]

XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	C Flt/22 Sqn	
Fallen climber on Tryfan, found dead on arrival.				
Based noted: ATC Summer Camp air experience flying. Chipmunk T.10 WK624:12 WP900:13 10 AEF				

Monday 19th June 1978 [HO][AIR 24/3277]

23 Sqn [4 aircraft] arrived from Wattisham at 11:10 for their MPC. 23 Sqn MPC 19-27.6.78 PM no range slots due to bad weather at Llanbedr. PM all 4 aircraft flew a range practice sortie.				
XV408	N	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC
XV421	B	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC
XV432	D	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC
XV434	J	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC
		F-111		
XT479	W-X:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
XJ634	29	Hunter FGA.9*	TWTU	
*Emergency landing, departed 23.6				

Tuesday 20th June 1978 [BARG][HO][Pprune Dominator2 logbook*][CW][AIR 24/3277][AIR 27/3548]

23 Sqn MPC AM range slot delayed due to Llanbedr's standby power being unserviceable. PM range slot aborted after target became unserviceable on the runway.				
XV421	B	Phantom FGR.2*	23 Sqn	MPC to Wattisham 16:10
XV432	D	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC
XV434	J	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC
XV408	N	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC
XT908	P	Phantom FGR.2*	23 Sqn	MPC from Wattisham 11:20
XV485	O	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	
		Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	
G-ANRF	-	DH.82A Tiger Moth	Private	
XS603	603	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	
XT672	AZ	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XV726	AJ	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XS675	AR	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XV485	K	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	
XT900	T	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	
68-0083	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn training with St Athan MRT.				

Wednesday 21st June 1978 [HE][HO][CW][AIR 24/3277]

23 Sqn MPC no range slots all day due to bad weather at Llanbedr.				
XV432	D	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC
XV434	J	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC
XV408	N	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC
XT908	P	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC
XP140	654:PO	Wessex HAS.3	737 NAS	'NAVY654'

XM927	660:PO	Wessex HAS.3	737 NAS	'NAVY660'
[XP137]	---:PO	Wessex HAS.3*	737 NAS	'NAVY666'
*No visible code, possibly XP137 or XP150?				
XJ634	29	Hunter F.6A	1 TWU	
G-AVZT	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	
XV249	49	Nimrod MR.1	[Kinloss Wg]	
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX223:- 4 FTS new sighting. Hunter F.6 XG290:74 4 FTS on loan from RAE Bedford.				
				
[Hywel Evans]				

Thursday 22nd June 1978 [BARG][HO][CW][AIR 24/3277]

23 Sqn MPC AM range sortie but no firings. PM 1x AIM-9 fired. PM 1x AIM-7 fired.				
XV406	A	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC from Wattisham 19:15
XV423	E	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC from Wattisham 19:55
XT908	P	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC to Wattisham 20:45
		F-111		PD
		F-111		PD
XZ113	A	Jaguar GR.1	41 Sqn	
VP955	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	

Friday 23rd June 1978 [HE][HO][CW][AIR 28/2310][AIR 24/3277][MB]

23 Sqn MPC AM 1x AIM-9 fired. PM no range slots due to crosswind at Llanbedr.				
		Whirlwind HAR.10	SARTS	
Air-to-air photo sortie with Tiger Moth G-[ANRF] owned by D Cyster.				
XV406	A	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC
XV423	E	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC to Wattisham 15:30
XV465	-	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	
	N	Phantom FGR.2		No Sqn markings
66-8759	SP[b]	F-4D	23 TFS/52 TFW	PD 'AIRBORNE192'

Also visited Alconbury.				
XT669	AT	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
WJ682	82	Canberra TT.18	7 Sqn	'F76'
XZ117	E	Jaguar GR.1	41 Sqn	
XZ355	H	Jaguar GR.1	41 Sqn	
68-0004	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	Or 68-0084?
XW910	K	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XL578	89	Hunter T.7*	1 TWU	
*Crew ferry for '29', see 21.6				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 4 FTS XM709:09 XP511:11 XR951:26 XR953:29 XP533:33 XS105:35 XR998:47 XP530:64 Gnat T.1 XR544:60 [w/o 26.4.78] remains seen in scrap compound. Later removed to the scrap compound at Farnborough by early 1979. Hunter T.7 4 FTS XL573:97 back from its loan to RAE Farnborough. XL597:87 Kleine Brogel Open Day. Wessex HAR.2 XT680. Whirlwind HAR.10 2[A]FTS XP405:D XP331:T				

Sunday 25th June 1978 [HE][HO]

XV213	213	Hercules C.1	LTW	
G-ARTT	-	PA-28 Cherokee	Private	
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX183:183 CFS Church Fenton Airshow.				

Monday 26th June 1978 [HE][HO][AIR 24/3277][AIR 27/3548][AIR 27/3548]

23 Sqn MPC AM 1x AIM-7 fired.				
XW324	U	JP T.5B	6 FTS	
XS610	610	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	
XV733	-	Wessex HCC.4	Queens Flt	
XX887	N	Buccaneer S.2	15 Sqn	
XV408	N	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC to Wattisham 15:00
XV434	J	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC to Wattisham 15:00
XV406	A	Phantom FGR.2*	23 Sqn	MPC to Wattisham 15:00
XV464	B	Phantom FGR.2*	56 Sqn	
XV500	H	Phantom FGR.2*	56 Sqn	
XP539	L	Gnat T.1*	Red Arrows	
*Gnat & Phantoms were involved in an air-to-air photo sortie.				
74-0177	LN[b]	F-111F	492 TFS/48 TFW	
G-AVWZ	-	Fournier RF-4D	Private	
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XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
2 swimmers off Victoria Falls, Llanberis. 1 dead on arrival and the other taken to Bangor Hospital.				
Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn training with Holyhead lifeboat. ATC Summer Camp air experience flying. Chipmunk T.10 WK624:12 WP900:13 10 AEF				

Tuesday 27th June 1978 [BARG][HO][GP/SEAR][AIR 24/3277][AIR 27/3548]

23 Sqn MPC AM local flying [XV432]				
XV432	D	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC to Wattisham
58+68	-	Do.28D	LVSR-61	WGAF
58+79	-	Do.28D	LVSR-61	WGAF
XM599	-	Vulcan B.2	44 Sqn	
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XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Scrambled for a Hunter precautionary alert, aircraft landed safely.				
Based noted: [GP/SEAR] Wessex HAR.2 C Flt/22 Sqn XT602 XT680 Whirlwind HAR.10 CFS Detachment XR453:A XR485:Q XP331:T XD163:X				

Wednesday 28th June 1978 [BARG][HO][MG][CW][AIR 27/3548]

XS710	O	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
	-	Jetranger	Private	
58+68	-	Do.28D	LVSR-61	WGAF
58+79	-	Do.28D	LVSR-61	WGAF
		Andover		
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Youth airlifted from a dinghy in Benllech Bay.				

Thursday 29th June 1978 [HE][HO][MG][AIR 27/3548]

VP958	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
XA880	-	Devon C.2	RAE Llanbedr	
G-ASMF	-	Beech Travel Air	Private	
68-0080	UH[b]	F-111E*	55 TFS/20 TFW	
*Emergency landing due to a thermostat failure?				
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XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Search for missing scientist in the Clwydian Hills, nothing found. Also scrambled to search for a missing ATC Cadet, found safe.				

Based noted:



Hunter T.7 XL591:82 4 FTS
[Dick Thomas Collection]

Friday 30th June 1978 [HE][HO]

XX202	117	Hawk T.1A	TWU	
XT764	P:T	Wessex HU.5	RN	Presentation Team
68-0080	UH[b]	F-111E*	55 TFS/20 TFW	
*Emergency landing, departed later.				
XV222	222	Hercules C.1	LTW	'RRR783'
XW216	CN	Puma HC.1	33 Sqn	
		Gazelle		
G-AXKD	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	
Freedom of Bangor Flypast practice by 4 FTS. The actual Flypast on 1.7.78 was cancelled due to weather. Gnat T.1 XM709:09 XS105:35 XS109:63 XP530:64 Hunter F.6 XF527:70 XF526:78 XG274:71 Hunter T.7 XL565:89 Hawk T.1 XX170 XX179 XX182 XX183				

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Station Flight dealt with 1107 movements including 14 VIP.				
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Saturday 1st July 1978 [MC 12/78][HO]

XV213	213	Hercules C.1	LTW	
		Bo.105C	Trinity House	
	-	HS.125	Shell	

Sunday 2nd July 1978 [HO][AIR 27/3548]

		Hercules		
G-ANRF	-	DH.82A Tiger Moth	Private	
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Fallen climber at Gallt-y-Wennallt, no assistance required.				

Monday 3rd July 1978 [HO][AIR 24/3277]

111 Sqn [5 aircraft] arrived from Leuchars at 10:45 for their MPC. 111 Sqn MPC 3-7.7 PM range practice cancelled as tracking radars were unserviceable.				
XV403	M	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	MPC
XV424	B	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	MPC
XV426	Q	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	MPC
XV478	X	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	MPC
XT892	K	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	MPC
	-	Vulcan B.2	101 Sqn	

Tuesday 4th July 1978 [MC 12/78][HE][HO][AIR 24/3277][AIR 27/3548][GP]

111 Sqn MPC no range slots due to weather on the Range. AM local flying 09:50 [XV426 & XV478] & 11:25 [XV426 & XV478]				
WB533	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
XS495	C	Wessex HU.5	3 Sqn/2[A]FTS	
XV426	Q	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	MPC 'K93'
XV478	X	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	MPC 'K94'
G-BATC	-	Bo.105C	Trinity House	
		Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
Girl suffering from exposure picked up near Llanbedr.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX176 XX182 XX183 4 FTS all visited Cranwell.				

Wednesday 5th July 1978 [MC 12/78][HE][HO][AIR 24/3277][AIR 27/3548]

111 Sqn MPC AM range practice [XV403 XV424 XV426 XV478] PM range practice [XV403 XV478 XT892]				
XV424	B	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	MPC
XT892	K	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	MPC
XV403	M	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	MPC



XV403 was sadly lost 58nms East of Aberdeen on 4.8.78 with the loss of both crew.

[Tudor Rowlands]

XV426	Q	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	MPC
XV478	X	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	MPC



[Tudor Rowlands]

XW852	A	Gazelle HT.3*	CFS	
XW858	C	Gazelle HT.3*	CFS	
XW862	D	Gazelle HT.3*	CFS	
XW866	E	Gazelle HT.3*	CFS	
XW898	G	Gazelle HT.3*	CFS	
XW906	J	Gazelle HT.3*	CFS	

*The Gazelles were on a Mountain Flying Detachment.

XX192	107	Hawk T.1A	1 TWU	
XL568	-	Hunter T.7A	237 OCU	
XE653	14	Hunter F.6A	1 TWU	
68-0029	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	PD 'RERUN13'
68-0076	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	PD 'KEY35'
XX497	74	Jetstream T.1	3 FTS/METS	
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XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
Search for 12 missing boys near Capel Curig, all found safe.				
XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire

Youth with a broken leg airlifted from Glyder Fach to Bangor Hospital.

Thursday 6th July 1978 [MC 12/78][HE][HO][AIR 24/3277][AIR 27/3548]

111 Sqn MPC AM 2x AIM-9 fired. PM 1x AIM-7 fired.				
XV419	J	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	MPC from Leuchars 14:00
XV426	Q	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	MPC to Leuchars 17:40
XX204	119	Hawk T.1A	1 TWU	
XS792	-	Andover CC.2	32 Sqn	
VP958	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
XS514	L	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
XT472	M	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
XT669	AT	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XW412	50	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
XW431	59	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
XN472	47	JP T.3A	RAFC	
XN548	48	JP T.3A	RAFC	
XM574	-	Vulcan B.2	617 Sqn	Overflew at 18:05
68-0063	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
68-0067	UH[b]	F-111E*	55 TFS/20 TFW	
*Emergency landing due to engine failure, departed 8.7. Wessex HAR.2 XT680 22 Sqn [F/L Stirling] was scrambled for this but not required.				
G-BCCL	-	HS.125-600B	McAlpine	
G-BAHW	-	Cessna 310	Private	

Friday 7th July 1978 [MC 12/78][HE][HO][AIR 24/3277]

111 Sqn MPC AM 1x AIM-7 fired. PM 13:40, XV424 airborne to act as chase for a 29 Sqn QRA** firing, 1x AIM-9 fired. Both aircraft landed at Valley 15:25. 111 Sqn departed back to Leuchars post their MPC [*departed 15:10]				
XV433	[X]	Phantom FGR.2**	29 Sqn	To Coningsby 16:32
XV403	M	Phantom FGR.2*	111 Sqn	MPC
XV419	J	Phantom FGR.2*	111 Sqn	MPC
XV478	X	Phantom FGR.2*	111 Sqn	MPC
XT892	K	Phantom FGR.2*	111 Sqn	MPC
XV424	B	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	MPC to Leuchars 16:30
XM349	H	JP T.3A	CFS	
XN581	Q	JP T.3A	CFS	
XN501	S	JP T.3A	CFS	
XW791	-	HS.125 CC.1	32 Sqn	
63-7884	-	C-130E	/317 TAW	Spares for F-111, see 6.7

XX492	70	Jetstream T.1	3 FTS/METS	
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Saturday 8th July 1978 [HE][HO]

XV213	213	Hercules C.1	LTW	
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Sunday 9th July 1978 [HE][HO][AIR 27/3548]

XS765	-	Basset CC.1	ETPS	
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XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
Male suffering from a heart attack flown from Snowdon to Bangor Hospital.				

Monday 10th July 1978 [MC 12/78][HE][HO][CW]

XJ823	-	Vulcan B.2	27 Sqn	
XS713	C	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
G-BEAG	-	PA-34 Seneca	Private	

Tuesday 11th July 1978 [MC 12/78][HE][HO][CW][AIR 24/3277][AIR 27/3548][MB]

*From Binbrook to the Range for an 'Omega Minor' firing, 2 Firestreaks fired. *Then landed at Valley for a de-brief.				
XR718	P	Lightning F.3*	5 Sqn	STCAAME
XM419	N	JP T.3A	CFS	
XW293	Z	JP T.5B	6 FTS	
XG154	M	Hunter FGA.9	1 TWU	
XE552	R	Hunter FGA.9	1 TWU	
PH-CTD	-	Citation 500	RLS	
OY-DOZ	-	[Lourke]	Private	
G-BASL	-	PA-28 Cherokee	Private	
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
17yr old female suffering from exhaustion flown from Beddgelert to Bangor Hospital.				
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL600:83 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 1.3.78 Hunter T.7 XL601:88 repairs complete back to 4 FTS, see 27.2.78				

Wednesday 12th July 1978 [MC 9/78][HE][HO]

68-0062	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
XW423	55	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
XW309	V	JP T.5B	6 FTS	
XM401	17	JP T.3A	1 FTS	N/stop
XN551	49	JP T.3A	RAFC	
XN640	51	JP T.3A	RAFC	
XX701	02	Bulldog T.1	SUAS	Southampton
G-AWMS	-	HS.125-3B	RTZ	From & to Coventry

G-AVZT	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	
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Thursday 13th July 1978 [HE][HO]

*The 228 OCU aircraft visited from Coningsby to pick up audio tone equipment for a trial.

XT910	I	Phantom FGR.2*	228 OCU	STCAAME
XT911	-	Phantom FGR.2*	228 OCU	STCAAME



[Dennis Pritchard]

WB533	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
XM401	17	JP T.3A	1 FTS	
G-ECMA	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	

Friday 14th July 1978 [HE][HO][Pprune snakecharmer Father's logbook**]

G-BBHW	-	SA.341G Gazelle*	Private	
*Filmed the Snowdon Mountain Race.				
WE121	21	Canberra TT.18**	RAE Llanbedr	PD
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX161:161 CFS, CFS Reunion, Leeming static. Hawk T.1 XX185:185 4 FTS CFS Reunion, Leeming flying.				

Saturday 15th July 1978 [HO][AIR 27/3548]

G-AWMS	-	HS.125-3B	RTZ	
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Fallen climber on Lliwedd taken to Bangor Hospital.				

Monday 17th July 1978 [MC 12/78][HE][HO][MB]

XV271	-	Beaver AL.1	7 Rgt/AAC	Blue spinner
WB533	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
XT675	AR	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XM650	-	Vulcan B.2	50 Sqn	
XT898	T	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	
XV492	U	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	Or 'H'?
G-AYWG	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	
Based noted:				

Gnat T.1 XP515:59 returned from CFS/Red Arrows Detachment, see 5.5.78

Hawk T.1 XX224:- 4 FTS new delivery.

Tuesday 18th July 1978 [MC 12/78][HE][HO][MB]

XX382	M	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
70-2387	LN[y]	F-111F	493 TFS/48 TFW	'TRUST02'
PH-CTE	-	Citation 500	RLS	

Based noted:

Hunter T.7 XL621:- 4 FTS 'D—03' delivery from 5 MU, Kemble post overhaul, **see 2.3.78**

Wednesday 19th July 1978 [MC 12/78][HE][HO][AIR 28/2310]

Maj Schultz USAF [retired] revisited Valley, see 7.1.1944 Archive.

XW903	E	Gazelle AH.1*	ARWS/AAC	'AAC237' from EMA
XX450	F	Gazelle AH.1*	ARWS/AAC	'AAC238'
XX452	G	Gazelle AH.1*	ARWS/AAC	'AAC235'
XW911	I	Gazelle AH.1*	ARWS/AAC	'AAC236' from EMA
XZ290	J	Gazelle AH.1*	ARWS/AAC	'AAC231'
XZ313	N	Gazelle AH.1*	ARWS/AAC	'AAC101'
XZ320	T	Gazelle AH.1*	ARWS/AAC	'AAC232'

*The Gazelles were on a Mountain Flying Detachment.

71-0364	-	HH-53C	67 ARRS	'JOLLY66'
XT668	AS	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
32+04	-	G.91R-3	LeKG-43	'MISSION1650' WGAF
32+73	-	G.91R-3	LeKG-43	'MISSION1650' WGAF
XX700	-	Bulldog T.1*	5 MU hack	'D05'

*Crew ferry for Hunter T.7 XL621:81 4 FTS from Kemble, see 18.7

XW434	49	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
5Y-AFT	-	Aero Commander	PC K Williams	Kenyan register

Based noted:



Whirlwind HAR10 XR453:A & XD163:X 2[A]FTS with ARWS Gazelles & Commander 5Y-AFT in the background along with the last remaining Gnat flightline.

[Hywel Evans]

Thursday 20th July 1978 [MC 8/78][HE][HO][AIR 27/3548][GP]

XS710	O	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XT606	AO	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XZ290	-	Gazelle AH.1	AAC	'AAC231' to Birmingham
G-BFAI	-	Commander	Private	
XX700	-	Bulldog T.1	5 MU hack	
G-BCVG	-	Cessna FRA150L	Private	
	-	Vulcan B.2		
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Search for four men in a speed boat in Bardsey Sound, found safe.				
Based noted: Hunter T.7 WV372:85 4 FTS visited Coltishall.				

Friday 21st July 1978 [MC 12/78][HE][HO]

XS485	A	Wessex HU.5	3 Sqn/2 FTS	'KPR94'
XS495	C	Wessex HU.5	3 Sqn/2 FTS	'KPR90'
69-5784	-	HH-53C	67 ARRS	'JOLLY71'
XZ590	-	Sea King HAR.3	RAFSKTU	
G-AVRX	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	
G-BEMA	-	Cessna 310	Private	
G-BEAG	-	PA-34 Seneca	Private	
G-AXDL	-	PA-30 Comanche	Private	

Based noted:



Gnat T.1 XP533:33 4 FTS [Hywel Evans]

Saturday 22nd July 1978 [HO][AIR 27/3548]

	-	Islander/Skyservant		
	-	Sea King HAR.3		
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XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy

3 men in a capsized dinghy off Benllech taken to Bangor Hospital.

Monday 24th July 1978 [MC 11/78 & 12/78][HO][CW][AIR 28/2310]

HB-NCE	-	Commander 112	Private	
From Halfpenny Green to East Midlands Airport.				
XH563	-	Vulcan B.2		
XL317	-	Vulcan B.2	617 Sqn	
XL392	-	Vulcan B.2	617 Sqn	
70-2398	LN[y]	F-111F	493 TFS/48 TFW	PD
72-1443	LN[r]	F-111F*	494 TFS/48 TFW	
*Emergency landing.				
XT418	435:ED	Wasp HAS.1	829 NAS	HMS Endurance
XT785	635	Wasp HAS.1	703 NAS	
		Gazelle		
XM419	N	JP T.3A	3 FTS	
XS178	N	JP T.4	CATCS	
XP629	P	JP T.4	CATCS	
VP958	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
G-BEYY	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	
XP331	T	Whirlwind HAR.10	2 FTS	To Shawbury

Tuesday 25th July 1978 [MC 9/78 & 12/78][HO][CW]

63-7818	-	C-130E*	/317 TAW	
*Spares for F-111, see 24.7				
XT418	435:ED	Wasp HAS.1	829 NAS	HMS Endurance
XS217	O	JP T.4	CATCS	
XX498	75	Jetstream T.1	3 FTS/METS	
XP539	-	Gnat T.1	Red Arrows	For Major overhaul.
		Andover		
VP958	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
68-0004	UH	F-111E*	/20 TFW	
*Emergency landing at 19:00.				
68-0040	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
G-AXPU	-	HS.125	Private	
G-BNPG	-	B206 Jetranger	Private	
	-	HH-53C	67 ARRS	
	-	HH-53C	67 ARRS	
		Gazelle AH.1	/AAC	
Based noted: Gnat T.1 4 FTS XR538:01 XP504:04 XP511:11 XR980:17 XR953:29 XP532:32 XP533:33 XP538:38 XP540:40 XP541:41 XR998:47 XP534:62 XS109:63 XP530:64 Hawk T.1 4 FTS				

XX161 XX164 XX165 XX167 XX168 XX169 XX170 XX171 XX172 XX173
 XX174 XX175 XX178 XX179 XX180 XX181 XX182 XX184 XX223 XX224
 Hunter F.6 4 FTS
 XG209:69
 Hunter T.7 4 FTS
 XL567:84 WV372:85 XL566:86 XL597:87 XL573:97
 Wessex HAR.2 C Flt/22 Sqn
 XT602 XT680
 Whirlwind HAR.10 2[A]FTS detachment
 XR453:A XR485:Q XP331:T

Wednesday 26th July 1978 [MC 12/78][HO][CW][AIR 27/3548]

WH775	[-]	Canberra PR.7	13 Sqn	
68-0004	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	See 25.7
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
XS515	N	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
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XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
2 men stranded on the Little Orme transferred to the local Police.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX161:161 CFS visited Binbrook. Hawk T.1 XX172:172 XX175:175 XX180:180 XX184:184 4 FTS visited Binbrook.				

Thursday 27th July 1978 [MC 4/79]

XT418	435:ED	Wasp HAS.1	829 NAS	HMS Endurance
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Friday 28th July 1978 [MC 12/78][HO][CW][AIR 24/3277][AIR 27/3548]

*QRA scramble from Leuchars, 1x AIM-9 fired, landed Valley at 11:30.				
XV401	U	Phantom FGR.2*	111 Sqn	'LPE21' to Leuchars 12:45
G-BPAT	-	B.707	Pelican Airlines	[PD Crew training]
G-AYZN	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	
XW202	CW	Puma HC.1	33 Sqn	'J73'
G-AWMS	-	HS.125-3B	RTZ	
	-	HH-53C	67 ARRS	'JOLLY87'
EI-BDM	-	PA-23 Aztec	Private	
XT461	A	Wessex HU.5	846 NAS	'NAVY YA'
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XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Search for a male in the water off Porthdinllaen.				

Saturday 29th July 1978 [AIR 27/3548]

XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Male suffering from a heart attack flown from Crib Goch to Bangor Hospital.				
XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy

Sea search off St. Bees Head, Cumberland.

Monday 31st July 1978 [CW]

XH171	-	Canberra PR.9	39 Sqn	
68-0052	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	

August 1978 [AIR 24/3277]

No MPC's in August. Aberporth Range closed until 13.8 for annual maintenance.
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Tuesday 1st August 1978 [CW]

G-BEMA	-	Cessna 310	Private	
G-BATC	-	Bo.105C	Trinity House	
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX165:165 XX172:172 XX175:175 4 FTS visited Honington. Hunter T.7 XL613:91 4 FTS visited Honington.				

Thursday 3rd August 1978 [HO][CW][AIR 27/3548]

	-	Vulcan B.2		
XZ115	C	Jaguar GR.1	41 Sqn	
XZ355	H	Jaguar GR.1	41 Sqn	
XX119		Jaguar GR.1	54 Sqn	F/L John Butler
Flew in to meet Captain R M Charley of Trearddur Bay who was a founder member of 54 Sqn during WW1. Captain Charley was working for Westinghouse in the US when war broke out, he then went to Curtiss Aviation in Canada to learn to fly at his own expense. He started on flying boats with his first flight at 10:33 on 16 th September 1915 and took his test on 2 nd May 1916. By August 1916 he'd still only logged a total of 5:35hrs solo, yet 2 months later on Christmas Eve 1916 he flew his first sortie over France. He was a founder member of 54 Sqn flying Sopwith Pups, and whilst in France he flew combat against the 'Red Baron' Manfred Von Richtofen, he was credited with shooting down 9 enemy aircraft. During one combat a bullet missed his right ear holing the windscreen to then be ricocheted off the engine and narrowly missing his left ear, he still retained the smashed windscreen as a keepsake. For his service in France he was awarded the Military Cross & also the French Croix de Guerre avec palm.				
WB533	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
WJ643		Canberra B.2/8	RAE	
WT722	873	Hunter T.8C	FRADU	
68-0003	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
68-0020	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Airlifted 2 boys from a sunken speedboat in the Inland Sea.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX170:170 XX174:174 4 FTS visited Lossiemouth.				

Friday 4th August 1978 [MC 12/78][HO][@MAR 02/22]

XS603	603	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	
	-	HH-53C	67 ARRS	
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR538:01 4 FTS Yeovilton Airshow. Gnat T.1 XP540:40 4 FTS visited Wildenrath. Hawk T.1 XX161:161 & XX224 4 FTS attended Yeovilton Airshow 5.8.				

Saturday 5th August 1978 [HO]

	-	Beaver AL.1	/AAC	
	-	Cessna 337F	Private	

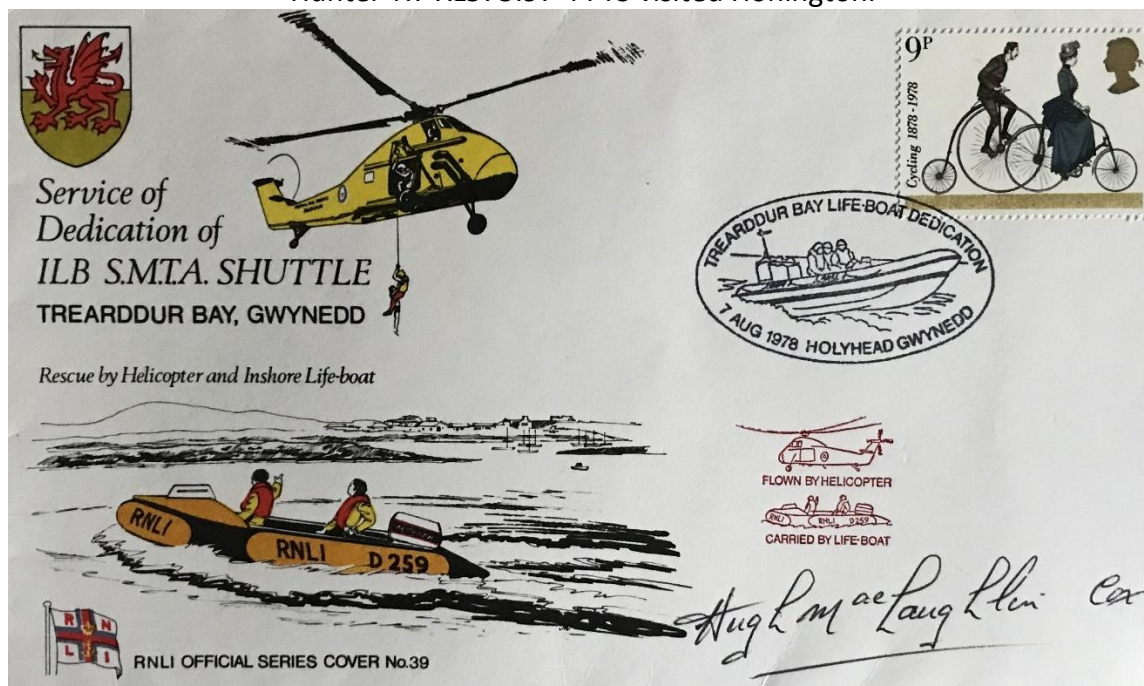
Sunday 6th August 1979 [AIR 27/3548]

Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn training with Ramsey, IoM lifeboat. Also displayed at the Anglesey Rescue Day.				

Monday 7th August 1978 [HO][MG][CW]

XH558	-	Vulcan B.2	27 Sqn	
	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	
241	-	F-5B	Skv718	'TIGER53' [66-9241] RNoAF
68-0029	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
XR486	-	Whirlwind HCC.12	32 Sqn	

Based noted:
Hunter T.7 XL573:97 4 FTS visited Honington.



First Day Cover flown by a 22 Sqn Whirlwind.

[Dick Thomas Collection]

Tuesday 8th August 1978 [MC 12/78][HO]

241	-	F-5B	Skv718	RNoAF
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Wednesday 9th August 1978 [CW]

XR522	AY	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XS713	C	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XS729	G	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	

Thursday 10th August 1978 [MC 9/78][HO][CW][AIR 27/3548]

XX385	-	Gazelle AH.1	657 Sqn/AAC	To Staverton
XX387	-	Gazelle AH.1	/AAC	To Staverton
XT646	-	Scout AH.1	/AAC	To Staverton
XV128	-	Scout AH.1	/AAC	To Staverton
XW934	06	Harrier GR.3	1 Sqn	
XV778	16	Harrier GR.3	1 Sqn	
XW423	55	JP T.5A	3 FTS	
XW427	58	JP T.5A	3 FTS	
XN501	S	JP T.3A	CFS	
VP958	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn training with Douglas, IoM lifeboat.				

Friday 11th August 1978 [HO]

G/C B L Robinson assumes command of the Station.				
		VC-10 C.1	10 Sqn	

Saturday 12th August 1978 [HO][AIR 27/3548]

XX758	18	Jaguar GR.1	226 OCU	
XX759	19	Jaguar GR.1	226 OCU	
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XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
Search for a boy in the sea near Ty Croes, nothing found.				

Sunday 13th August 1978 [AIR 27/3548]

XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Fallen climber with head injuries airlifted off Glyder Fach.				

Monday 14th August 1978 [MC 12/78][HO]

XX761	11	Jaguar GR.1	226 OCU	
XX766	14	Jaguar GR.1	226 OCU	
Based noted:				

Gnat T.1 4 FTS
 XR538:01 XP504:04 XM709:09 XP511:11 XR980:17 XR951:26 XR953:29 XP533:33 XS105:35
 XP538:38 XP540:40 XP541:41 XR998:47 XS102:58 XP534:62 XS109:63 XP530:64
 Hawk T.1 4 FTS/CFS
 XX161-185 XX223-226
 Hunter F.6 4 FTS
 XG209:69 XF527:70 XG274:71 XF383:72 XF509:73 XG290:74 XF526:78
 Hunter T.7 4 FTS
 XL609:80 XL621:81 XL600:83 XL567:84 WV372:85 XL566:86
 XL597:87 XL601:88 XL565:89 XL613:91 XL573:97
 Hunter T.7 XL597:87 4 FTS visited Honington.
 Wessex HAR.2 C Flt/22 Sqn
 XT602 XT680
 Whirlwind HAR.10 2[A]FTS Detachment noted.
 XR453:A XR485:Q XP331:T

Tuesday 15th August 1978 [MC 12/78][HE][HO][AIR 27/3548][MB]

31+37	-	G.91R-3	LeKG-43	WGAF, to St Mawgan
32+86	-	G.91R-3	LeKG-43	WGAF, to St Mawgan
XV729	AE	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XT669	AT	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XX197	112	Hawk T.1A	234 Sqn/1 TWU	
G-BBFE	-	B206 Jetranger	Private	
		F-111		
		F-111		
		F-111		
		F-111		
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Scrambled for a Gnat precautionary, aircraft landed safely.				
XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
2 females on separate rescues airlifted off Snowdon.				
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL609:80 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble.				

Wednesday 16th August 1978 [MC 12/78][HE][HO][CW]

XW906	J	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
WV322	-	Hunter T.7A	237 OCU	
70-2389	LN[y]	F-111F	493 TFS/48 TFW	
XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	D Flt/22 Sqn	
XZ230	741:VL	Lynx HAS.2	702 NAS	
G-BBTJ	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	
G-ASWG	-	PA-25 Pawnee	Private	
G-??VS	-	Hughes 269C	Private	

G-BBIF	-	PA-23 Aztec	Private	
G-BBHF	-	PA-23 Aztec	Private	
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX166:166 & XX226:226 4 FTS St Mawgan Airshow.				

Thursday 17th August 1978 [HE][HO][CW][AIR 27/3548]

XX197	112	Hawk T.1A	234 Sqn/1 TWU	
XT900	E	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	
				
[Hywel Evans]				
PS853	-	Spitfire PR.XIX	BBMF	Departed 19.8
LF363	LE-D	Hurricane IIC	BBMF	Departed 19.8
VP958	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
G-ASUD	-	PA-28 Cherokee	Private	
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XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
Climber with a broken back airlifted from Llanberis Pass.				

Friday 18th August 1978 [HO][CW][AIR 27/3548]

	-	Vulcan B.2		
		Jetstream		
		2x Phantom		
		2x JP		
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Search for a boat adrift in the Menai Straits, no action required.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 4 FTS XR538:01 XP504:04 XM709:09 XP511:11 XR980:17 XR953:29 XP533:33 XS105:35 XP538:38 XP540:40 XP541:41 XR998:47 XS102:58 XS109:63 XP530:64 [XR953 was flown to Abingdon on an unknown date [see 29.10.78] and struck off charge 12.10.78 It was allocated 8609M 17.10.78 then to 1 SoTT Halton coded '63' In 1995 it went to North Weald. Then it was registered as N953RH on 21.2.96 to Randall K Hames [Gaffney SC] then to National Aviation & Transportation Museum [Hobe Sound FL] 1.4.99 Then to				

Ricky Griggs [Cheraw SC] 12.7.04 registration was cancelled 8.8.13]



XR953 is seen here at Halton 6.84 [Fergal Goodman]

Hawk T.1 4 FTS

XX161-185 XX223 XX224 XX226 [XX228]

Hunter F.6 4 FTS

XG209:69 XF527:70 XG274:71 XF383:72 XF509:73 XG290:74 XF526:78

Hunter T.7 4 FTS

XL621:81 XL600:83 [emergency landing at Mona? Back at Valley 24.8.]

XL567:84 WV372:85 XL597:87 XL601:88 XL613:91 XL573:97

Gate Guard Vampire T.11 XE874

Fire Dump Varsity T.1 WJ943 & JP T.4 XP583

Saturday 19th August 1978 [AIR 27/3548]

XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
2 males airlifted from a capsized dinghy off Rhosneigr.				
XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Search for a missing female in the Wirral area, nothing found.				
Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn training with Holyhead lifeboat. Also displayed at the RAF Sealand Air Day.				

Sunday 20th August 1978 [AIR 27/3548]

XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Search for a Rescue Beacon, belonged to an aircraft at Dublin.				

Monday 21st August 1978 [MC 12/78][HE][HO]

XZ394	CQ	Jaguar GR.1	20 Sqn	
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Tuesday 22nd August 1978 [MC 12/78][HE][HO][CW]

35+12	-	RF-4E	AkG-51	'IMMELMANN' WGAF
35+63	-	RF-4E	AkG-51	'IMMELMANN' WGAF
XW902	-	Gazelle HT.3*	CFS	
*Tri-Services Display Team colours with a black fin.				
WA662	-	Meteor T.7	RAE Llanbedr	PD

G-BXBX	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	
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Wednesday 23rd August 1978 [MC 12/78][HO]

67-0118	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
XZ285	85	Nimrod MR.1	Kinloss Wg	
XW423	55	JP T.5A	3 FTS	
XN501	S	JP T.3A	CFS	
XS739	F	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XS736	R	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XE546	C	Hunter FGA.9	TWU	
XG160	22	Hunter F.6A*	TWU	
*Emergency landing.				

Thursday 24th August 1978 [MC 12/78][HE][HO][CW]

XR506	AV	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XH562	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	
G-BKTI	-	King Air 200	Private	

Friday 25th August 1978 [MC 12/78][HE][HO][CW][AIR 27/3548]

68-0038	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	PD
WE121	21	Canberra TT.18	RAE Llanbedr	
VP959	L	Devon C.2	RAE	Farnborough
G-AWPS	-	PA-28 Cherokee	Private	
G-BAMU	-	Robin DR.400	Private	
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G-ASIR	-	D95A Travel Air	Private	
Ditched off Peniel Beach, Church Bay in the evening. Wessex HAR.2 XT602 22 Sqn [F/L Lanigan] was scrambled and airlifted the 5 onboard.				
XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Yacht with a broken rudder off Aberdaron, no action required.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX225:225 4 FTS Binbrook Airshow.				

Saturday 26th August 1978 [ABN1978]

Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX225:225 4 FTS Binbrook Airshow, flying.				

Sunday 27th August 1978 [@MAR 07/20][AIR 27/3548]

XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
2 divers in difficulty off the Llyn Peninsula, well intentioned false alarm.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX225:225 & XX226:226 4 FTS Mildenhall Airshow, flying.				

Monday 28th August 1979 [AIR 27/3548]

Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn displayed at the Colwyn Bay Show.				

Tuesday 29th August 1978 [MC 12/78][HE][CW][AIR 27/3548]

G-BATC	-	Bo.105C	Trinity House	
G-BEMA	-	PA-23 Aztec	Private	
XN641	47	JP T.3A	RAFC	
XE656	35	Hunter F.6	63 Sqn	
XV708	302:PW	Sea King HAS.2*	819 NAS	
*The Sea King air-lifted Beech D95A Travel Air G-ASIR from Church Bay which had crashed there 25.8 during a flight from Birmingham to IoM, see 25.8				
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
3 swimmers in difficulty off Portmeirion, no action required.				

Wednesday 30th August 1978 [HE][HO][CW][AIR 27/3548]

XW336	6	JP T.5A	RAFC	Poachers colour scheme
XL583	91	Hunter T.7	1 TWU	Crew ferry for '35', see 29.8
G-BBXX	-	PA-31 Navajo	Rolls-Royce	
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Airlifted a male from a boat drifting onto the rocks near Rhosneigr.				
XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Male suffering from a heart attack flown from Beddgelert to Bangor Hospital.				

Thursday 31st August 1978 [MC 10/78 & 12/78][HE][HO]

XW304	-	JP T.5B	[6 FTS]	No code
XN582	24	JP T.3A	1 FTS	
XN629	39	JP T.3A	1 FTS	
XL317	-	Vulcan B.2	617 Sqn	
XT606	AO	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XT448	S	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
G-BEIJ	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	From & to Birmingham
G-AVRX	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	

Friday 1st September 1978 [MC 10/78][HO][AIR 27/3548]

	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	
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XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Capsized boat in the Mersey Estuary, 1 dead youth airlifted onboard.				

XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Red flares reported near Wylfa, nothing found.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX231 4 FTS delivery from Bitteswell with XX223 as crew ferry.				

Saturday 2nd September 1978 [ABN1978]

Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP532:32 4 FTS Finningley Airshow, static. Gnat T.1 XR998:47 4 FTS Leuchars Airshow, static. Hawk T.1 XX223 4 FTS Finningley Airshow, static. Hawk T.1 XX161:161 XX185:185 CFS/4 FTS Leuchars, flying. Hunter T.7 XL621:81 4 FTS Finningley Airshow, static.				

Sunday 3rd September 1978 [AIR 27/3548]

XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Sea search S of Bardsey Island following a possible 'Mayday' call, nothing found.				

Monday 4th September 1978 [MC 12/78][HO][Ian Hartley logbook*][AIR 24/3277]

*QRA scramble from Binbrook, no missiles fired due to no acquisition. Aircraft landed at Valley 11:55.				
XS899	C	Lightning F.6*	5 Sqn	To Binbrook 13:05
XF382	15	Hunter F.6A**	79 Sqn/1 TWU	
**Diverted in due to a birdstrike, returned to Brawdy same day.				
		Hercules		
		2x Phantom		

Tuesday 5th September 1978

Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX161:161 CFS visited Odiham.				

Wednesday 6th September 1978 [HO][AIR 27/3548]

		4x Hunter	TWU	
		4x Jaguar		
		Andover		
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Hawk precautionary landing, not required.				
XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Collapsed male at Treceiri, Capel Coch, no action required.				

Thursday 7th September 1978 [HO][AIR 24/3277]

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*QRA scramble from Binbrook, Red Top failed to fire, landed Valley 11:30.				
XR770	[A]	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	To Binbrook 14:30
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX164:164 XX174:174 CFS/4 FTS Farnborough Airshow. Hunter T.7 XL613:91 4 FTS visited Odiham.				

Sunday 10th September 1978 [AIR 27/3548]

XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
Capsized boat in the Officers Mess Lake, no action required.				
XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
Red flares off the Little Orme, nothing found.				

Monday 11th September 1978 [HO][AIR 27/3548]

		2x Phantom		
		Andover		
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Search off Blackpool for boat wreckage, nothing found.				
XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
Search off Blackpool as per above, nothing found.				

Wednesday 13th September 1978 [MC 12/78][HO][AIR 27/3548][GP]

66-0478	AR	RF-4C	/10 TRW	
	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	
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XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Rubber dinghy adrift off Benllech, 1 youth airlifted on to the beach.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR538:01 4 FTS visited Cranwell.				

Thursday 14th September 1978 [HO][AIR 28/2310][AIR 27/3548]

	-	Andover	32 Sqn	
	-	3x Vulcan B.2		
		4x F-111		
		4x Gazelle		
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XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
2 fallen climbers on Lliwedd flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Friday 15th September 1978 [HE][HO][@MAR 08/20]

XT759	H	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
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Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR538:01 4 FTS Abingdon Airshow, static 16.9. Gnat T.1 XR535:05 XR954:30 4 FTS Abingdon Airshow inside a Hangar 16.9. Hawk T.1 XX225:225 4 FTS Abingdon Airshow, flying 16.9.				
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Saturday 16th September 1978 [AIR 27/3548]

XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Scrambled at 22:40 to search for a small boat off Abersoch.				

Sunday 17th September 1978 [AIR 27/3548]

XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Search for small boat as per 16.9 off Abersoch. Boat found capsized and empty.				
XT602	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Drifting boat at Cymyran, no action required.				

Monday 18th September 1978 [HO][AIR 27/3406][AIR 24/3277]

STCAAME *QRA scramble from Binbrook, 1x Red Top fired, landed Valley 10:37				
XS897	H	Lightning F.6*	11 Sqn	To Binbrook 12:00
	H	Phantom FGR.2	111 Sqn	

Tuesday 19th September 1978 [MC 12/78][MG][HO][Pprune wiggy logbook][AIR 27/3548]**

*Flew a sortie in Aberporth Range.				
XV814	-	Comet 4*	RAE Farnborough	
	-	Vulcan B.2		
XW422	[3]	JP T.5A*	RAFC	
**from Cranwell to Valley then Brize Norton, NAVEX.				
[XM836]	657:PO	Wessex HAS.3	737 NAS	
[XP156]	663:PO	Wessex HAS.3	737 NAS	
[XP137]	666:PO	Wessex HAS.3	737 NAS	
		F-111	/TFW	
Emergency landing with an internal fire. Wessex HAR.2 XT680 22 Sqn [F/L Lanigan] was scrambled for this but not required.				

Wednesday 20th September 1978 [MC 12/78][HO][AIR 27/3548]

XS509	W-P:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
XT483	W-U:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
XT479	W-X:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
XM358	J	JP T.3A	CFS	
	[-]	Sea Devon C.20	[781 NAS]	
69-5797	-	HH-53C	67 ARRS	'JOLLY59'
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XP143	650:PO	Wessex HAS.3	737 NAS	

Whilst en-route Prestwick to Valley it ditched 25nms North of Valley after engine failure, rolled inverted. Wreckage seen aboard Seaforth Clansman in Holyhead inner Harbour
21.9.78 [MG] Wessex HAR.2 XT602 22 Sqn [F/L Stirling] was scrambled for this and picked up the survivors.

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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
Airlifted a suicide victim from a boat 10nms N of Valley.				

Thursday 21st September 1978 [HO]

[XZ589]	[-]	Sea King HAR.3	RAFSKTF	'NAVY533'
[84+09]	-	CH-53G	[HFWS]	HEER
This CH-53 passed through Northolt on 21.9.				
	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	

Friday 22nd September 1978 [MC 10/78][HO]

		Sea King		
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Hawk aircraft with a 'Mayday' landed safely at Llanbedr.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX234 4 FTS delivery from Bitteswell with XX172 as crew ferry. Hawk T.1 XX163:163 4 FTS visited Upper Heyford.				

Monday 25th September 1978 [MC 12/78][HO][AIR 24/3277]

92 Sqn [4 aircraft] arrived from Wildenrath at 11:15 for their MPC. 92 Sqn MPC 25.9-6.10, only 3 out of 6 missiles fired due to bad weather. PM 15:50 all 4 flew a practice range sortie.				
XV439	-	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	MPC 'DELTA'
XV465	N	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	MPC 'ECHO'
XV467	Q	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	MPC 'HOTEL'
XV487	Y	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	MPC 'GOLF'
XV187	187	Hercules C.1*	LTW	'RRR4341'
XV293	293	Hercules C.1*	LTW	'RRR4342'
*First arrived 12:30 and second at 15:58, 92 Sqn MPC support.				
XX105	-	BAC1-11-201	RAE	'NUGGET92'
XS726	B	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XS728	E	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XS709	M	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XS734	N	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XS710	O	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XS714	P	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XW318	12	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW328	26	JP T.5A	RAFC	
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G-BFBT	-	Rallye 150ST	Private	
Collided with trees on take-off at Llanfachraeth, damaged beyond repair.				

Tuesday 26th September 1978 [HO][AIR 24/3277]

92 Sqn MPC no firing slots due to crosswinds at Llanbedr. PM 15:00 all 4 aircraft [see 25.9 for serials] flew a practice range sortie.				
XS732	B	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XS731	J	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
		Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
		Devon		

Wednesday 27th September 1978 [HO][AIR 24/3277][MB]

92 Sqn MPC no firing slots all day due to crosswinds at Llanbedr. AM 10:30 practice range sortie [XV439 XV465 XV487]				
		2x JP T.5		
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP530:64 4 FTS allocated 8606M Gnat T.1 XP538:38 4 FTS allocated 8607M, see 29.9				

Thursday 28th September 1978 [HO][AIR 24/3277]

92 Sqn MPC no range slots all day due to crosswinds at Llanbedr.				
G-SHIP	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	Shetland Line.
	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	

Friday 29th September 1978 [MC 1/79][HO][AIR 24/3277][MB]

92 Sqn MPC no firing slots all day due to crosswinds at Llanbedr. AM 10:00 local flying [XV439 XV465 XV467] PM 13:15 local flying [XV465 & XV467]				
XV487	Y	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	MPC to Wildenrath 12:00
XT893	T	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	MPC from Wildenrath 15:50
N27727	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	From Halfpenny Green
		Jetstream		
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP538:38 4 FTS flown to Abingdon and struck off charge same day. [XP538 subsequently went to 1 SoTT Halton coded '61' and then to 2 SoTT Cosford 6.87 as 'P' It was then sold at auction 9.3.90 to Sporting Int Ltd [total hours 3183] It was registered as N19GT on 23.3.90 for Pyramid Aerospace Inc. [Houston TX] It then went to Cinema Air Jet Inc [Carlsbad CA] and flown again 2.94. It then went to the Air Museum at Chino 9.3.99 and survives there [2025]				



XP538 is seen here at Halton 6.84 [Fergal Goodman]

Saturday 30th September 1978 [MC 11/78]

N27727	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	From Birmingham
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October 1978 [AIR 28/2310]

10,000 Hawk hours flown since their arrival.
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Monday 2nd October 1978 [HO][AIR 24/3277][AIR 4/230]

92 Sqn MPC no firing slots all day due to bad weather at Llanbedr. AM 10:15 local flying [XV439 & XV465]				
XV487	Y	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	
Arrived from Wildenrath at 11:10 and departed back there at 14:30.				
		2x Jaguar		
		Hercules		
		Devon		
XP338	N	Whirlwind HAR.10	2[A]FTS	F/L Sparkes from Shawbury

Tuesday 3rd October 1978 [MC 12/78][HO][AIR 24/3277]

92 Sqn MPC AM 1x misfire [XV467] PM 1x AIM-7 fired.				
XV569	S	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	
		2x Jaguar		

Wednesday 4th October 1978 [MC 12/78][HO][AIR 24/3277]

92 Sqn MPC AM target unserviceable. PM 2x AIM-9 fired.				
XV156	-	Buccaneer S.2A	208 Sqn	
	-	Buccaneer S.2	208 Sqn	
	-	Buccaneer S.2	208 Sqn	
	-	Buccaneer S.2	208 Sqn	
		Lightning		
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX236 4 FTS visited Binbrook.				

Thursday 5th October 1978 [HO][@MAR 09/20][AIR 24/3277][MB]

92 Sqn MPC no firing slots all day due to bad weather at Llanbedr.				
XV435	[X]	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	MPC from Wildenrath 10:30
XV470	[V]	Phantom FGR.2*	92 Sqn	
Arrived with XV435 at 10:30 and departed back at 16:30				
XV467	Q	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	MPC to Wildenrath 15:00
G-AWMS	-	HS.125-3B	RTZ	
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX166:166 XX175:175 XX180:180 XX236:236 4 FTS all visited Binbrook. Hunter T.7 XL591:82 returned from 5 MU Kemble, see 31.5.78				

Friday 6th October 1978 [HO][AIR 27/3458][AIR 24/3277][AIR 27/3440]

92 Sqn MPC AM no firing slots due to low stratus on the Range and at Llanbedr. PM 3 aborted firings. PM 2 aborted firings. 92 Sqn departed back to Wildenrath post their MPC.				
XT893	T	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	To Wildenrath 16:30
XV439	-	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	To Wildenrath 18:05
XV465	N	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	To Wildenrath 18:05
XV435	[X]	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	To Wildenrath 19:05
XV186	186	Hercules C.1	47 Sqn	'RRR4416' F/L Strongman
XV223	223	Hercules C.1	47 Sqn	'RRR4415' F/L Shankland
'RRR4416' routed: Lyneham-Valley[11:55/16:30]-Wildenrath-Lyneham. 'RRR4415' routed: Lyneham-Valley[09:50/14:30]-Wildenrath-Lyneham. 92 Sqn return MPC support.				
XS603	603	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP530:64 4 FTS delivered to Abingdon on retirement. Noted on a lorry 22.10 and taken to 1 SoTT Halton becoming code '60'. [XP530 was subsequently sold at auction 21.10.93 to the USA and registered as N530X with Randall Hames [Cliffside NC] Then to Great Planes Sales [Tulsa OK] followed by Jet Warbirds Inc [Coral Springs FL] 19.10.04 Registration cancelled 13.5.15] Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn exercised with the Aberdovey MRT.				

Saturday 7th October 1978 [MC 1/79]

G-AYGM	-	Cessna T210K	Private	From Halfpenny Green
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Sunday 8th October 1978 [AIR 27/3548]

XS675	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Injured walker flown from Pen-yr-Ole Wen to Bangor Hospital.				
XS675	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Injured climber flown from Devil's Kitchen to Bangor Hospital.				

Based noted:
Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn exercised with the Aberdovey MRT.

Monday 9th October 1978 [MC 12/78][HO][AIR 24/3277][SG]

43 Sqn [6 aircraft] arrived from Leuchars for their MPC.				
43 Sqn MPC 9-19.10.78				
PM 15:00 range practice [XV581 Gyles/Kirk][XT874]				
XV576	D	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
XV581	E	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
XV584	I	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
XT874	J	Phantom FG.1*	43 Sqn	MPC [Gyles]
XV585	P	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
XV569	S	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
*XT874 had 43 Sqn checks with 111 Sqn markings				
WB533	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	'RRR7682'
XV104	104	VC-10 C.1	10 Sqn	'RRR943'
2 Victor K.2's flew over trailing their refuelling hoses.				

Tuesday 10th October 1978 [HO][AIR 24/3277][AIR 27/3548]

43 Sqn MPC no range slots all day due to bad weather at Llanbedr.				
PM 15:20 range practice [XV576 XV581[Gyles] XV585]				
		Andover E.3	115 Sqn	
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Female winched from Holyhead Harbour and flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Wednesday 11th October 1978 [MC 12/78][HO][AIR 24/3277]

43 Sqn MPC				
PM no range slots.				
PM 15:35 local flying [XV569 Gyles/Kirk]				
Night 1x AIM-7 fired [XT874][XV581 XV585 also flew] First night firing on a Phantom MPC.				
XS676	BV	Wessex HC.2	240 OCU	
XX892	R	Buccaneer S.2B	16 Sqn	
XW548	S	Buccaneer S.2B	16 Sqn	
XW550	X	Buccaneer S.2	16 Sqn	
XX886	Z	Buccaneer S.2	16 Sqn	
G-BCGO	-	PA-25 Pawnee	Private	Crop sprayer
Based noted:				
Gnat T.1 XP511:11 XR980:17 XR998:47 XP515:59 4 FTS visited Honington.				

Thursday 12th October 1978 [HO][AIR 24/3277][AIR 27/3548][MB]

43 Sqn MPC				
AM 2x AIM-9 fired [XV576 & XV584]				
PM 1x AIM-7 fired [XV581]				

XV569	S	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC [Gyles/Kirk]
XV576	D	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
XV581	E	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
XV584	I	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
		Canberra		
	-	HS.125		
		JP T.5A	RAFC	
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XS675	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
3 sailors airlifted off 'New Liver Birds' from the Harry Furloughs rocks.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP540:40 4 FTS flown to Abingdon. [XP540 was subsequently struck off charge same day and allocated 8608M 18.10.78 It was then taken by road to 1 SoTT Halton and coded '62' It had an abortive sale in 11.90 but sold 2.92 to Bruntingthorpe. Then to Arbury College [Cambridge] 8.95 then to North Weald 2.10.03 & back to Bruntingthorpe 10.18] Gnat T.1 XS105:35 4 FTS visited Honington.				

Friday 13th October 1978 [AIR 24/3277]

43 Sqn MPC no range slots all day due to bad weather at Llanbedr.				

Saturday 14th October 1978 [AIR 27/3548]

Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn exercised with Holyhead Lifeboat 14-16.10.				

Sunday 15th October 1978 [MC 11/78]

G-AODA	-	Whirlwind I	Bristow	From Coventry
Float equipped and based at Valley for the Week, working in the Rhosgoch [Amlwch] area, from Redhill.				

Monday 16th October 1978 [HE][HO][TR][AIR 24/3277][AIR 27/3548]

43 Sqn MPC no range slots due to crosswinds at Llanbedr. AM 10:10 local flying [XV576] PM 13:55 local flying [XV581/585]				
XV584	I	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC to Leuchars 17:20
XT874	J	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	'D—65' to Leuchars 17:20
XV576	D	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC



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XV581	E	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
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XV585	P	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
XV569	S	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC



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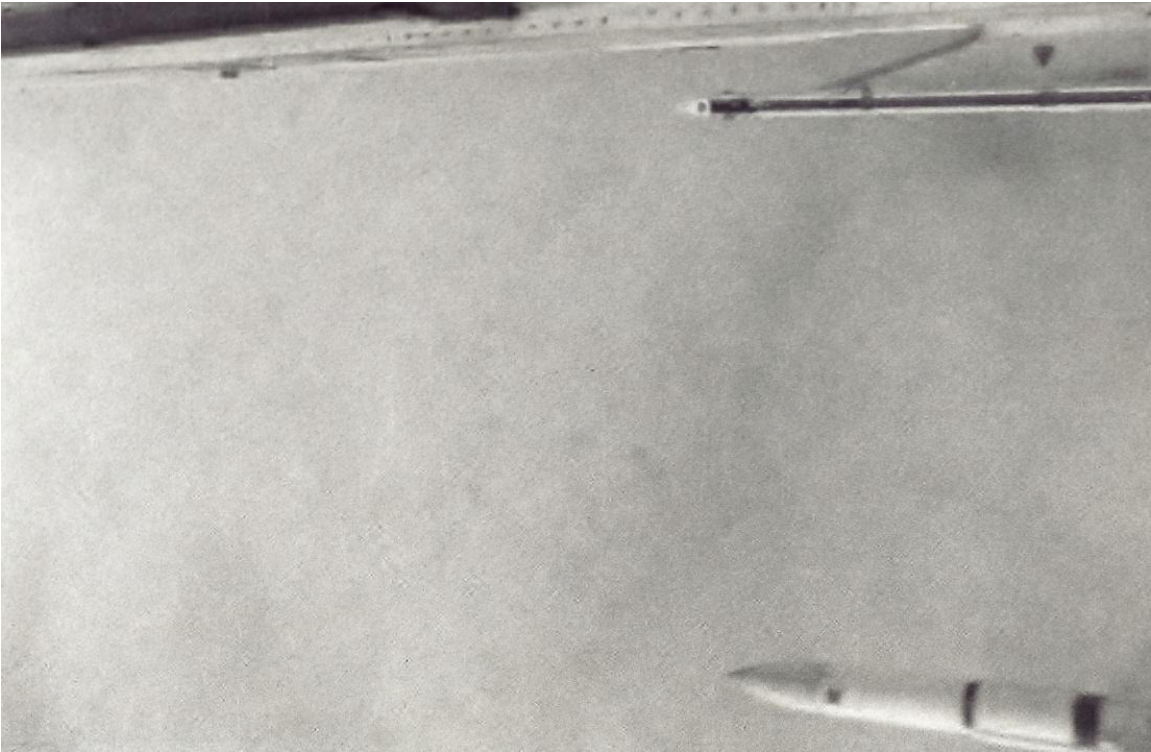
68-0037	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	PD
XW436	62	JP T.5A	1 FTS	
G-AODA	-	Whirlwind I	Bristow	See 15.10
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Boat in difficulty off Penmaenmawr, false alarm.				

Tuesday 17th October 1978 [MC 12/78][HE][HO][AIR 24/3277][SG][AIR 27/3548]

43 Sqn MPC
AM no range slots due to no targets available.

PM 2 aborts [XV585 Gyles]				
XV585	P	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
XT874	J	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	
Arrived from Leuchars at 10:45 and departed back 14:00.				
68-0062	UH[y]	F-111E	/20 TFW	PD 10:15
		Scout AH.1	/AAC	'AAC348'
G-BEBK	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Boat in difficulty in the Menai Straits, not required.				
Based noted: Hunter F.6 XG290:74 first noted with white spine & fin, 74 on nosewheel door, white bands on wings & red drop tanks.				

Wednesday 18th October 1978 [MC 12/78][HE][AIR 24/3277][SG][AIR 29/4693]

43 Sqn MPC AM 1x AIM-7 fired [XV585 Gyles] plus 1 abort [XV581]				
				
The AIM-7 Sparrow missile can be seen bottom right having been launched. [Steve Gyles]				
XV581	E	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
XV585	P	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
XX204	119	Hawk T.1A	1 TWU	
XX217	121	Hawk T.1A	1 TWU	'LTF02'
XX230	129	Hawk T.1A	1 TWU	
XS789	-	Andover CC.2*	Queens Flt	'RRR1388'
Routed: Benson-Wyton-Valley[12:55/17:25]-Northolt.				

*The Andover brought in a Finnish AF delegation with Gen Sutela & two of the TWU Hawks were involved in a display for those attending.

XW418	54	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
XW432	60	JP T.5A	1 FTS	
XZ178	-	Lynx AH.1	LCF/AAC	Lynx Conversion Flight
		Harrier T.4		
WB533	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	'RRR7692'
69-5797	-	HH-53C	67 ARRS	
		Nimrod MR.1		

Thursday 19th October 1978 [HE][HO][CW][AIR 24/3277]

43 Sqn MPC				
AM 1x AIM-7 fired [XV585] missile broke up 2secs after launch.				
43 Sqn [4 aircraft] departed back to Leuchars at 16:10 post their MPC.				
XV569	S	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
XV576	D	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
XV581	E	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
XV585	P	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	MPC
XS515	N	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
XT458	P	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
XT448	S	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
XW433	61	JP T.5A	1 FTS	'J62'
XX499	76	Jetstream T.1	3 FTS/METS	
130328	328	CC-130E	[435 Sqn]	CAF
		Lynx AH.1	/AAC	Same as 18.10?
G-BBOS	-	B206 Jetranger	Bristow	
G-AWMS	-	HS.125-3B	RTZ	
Based noted: Gnat T.1 4 FTS				
XR951:26 & XP532:32 awaiting disposal in the scrap area near the fuel dump.				
[at some stage XR951 went to Abingdon and was allocated 8603M. It then went to 1 SoTT Halton 1.3.79. It was sold to Doug Arnold/Fairoaks Aviation Services at Bitteswell 13.4.87 On 4.5.89 it was registered as N81298 to Robert F Yancey [Klamath Falls OR] then to Andrew J McCarthy [Merrimack NH] 1.92 then to Wally McDonnell of McDonnell Enterprises Inc [California City CA] 20.8.96 The registration was cancelled 19.6.17]				



XR951 is seen here at Halton 6.84 [Fergal Goodman]

Whirlwind HAR.10 2[A]FTS detachment.

XR453:A XP394:C XP333:G XP338:N

Friday 20th October 1978 [MC 12/78][HE][HO]

WL635	-	Varsity T.1	RAE Farnborough	'NUGGET40'
XT607	AP	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XT675	AR	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	'B68'
68-0050	UH[b]	F-111E	55 TFS/20 TFW	PD 'RERUN74'
68-0057	UH[b]	F-111E	55 TFS/20 TFW	
XH174	-	Canberra PR.9	39 Sqn	Low photo pass.
G-BHDG	-	PA-28 Cherokee	Private	

Saturday 21st October 1978 [MC 11/78][AIR 27/3548]

EI-BDN	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	From Birmingham
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XT680	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
Fallen climber in the Llanberis Pass taken to Bangor Hospital.				

Sunday 22nd October 1978 [BARG][MC 2/79][HO]

XV231	31	Nimrod MR.1	St Mawgan Wg	
Based noted: Gnat T.1's ex. 4 FTS noted on a lorry at Abingdon. XP538:38 XP530:64				

Monday 23rd October 1978 [BARG][MC 12/78 & 2/79][HO]

WH844	-	Canberra T.4*	RAE	'NUGGET53'
*On loan to RAE Llanbedr.				
G-AODA	-	Whirlwind I	Bristow	To Coventry, float equipped
XX507	-	HS.125 CC.2	32 Sqn	'RRR1693'

Tuesday 24th October 1978 [BARG][MC 2/79][HO]

XX192	107	Hawk T.1A	1 TWU	
XX508	-	HS.125 CC.2	32 Sqn	

Wednesday 25th October 1978 [HO]

	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
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Thursday 26th October 1978 [HO]

		Jaguar		
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Friday 27th October 1978 [MC 1/79][HO]

		C-130		Canadian or Danish ?
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Sunday 29th October 1978

Based noted: Gnat T.1 ex. 4 FTS noted on a lorry at Abingdon. XR953:29 XP540:40				

Tuesday 31st October 1978 [HO]

		Andover		
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Wednesday 1st November 1978 [BARG][MC 2/79][HO]

WH844	-	Canberra T.4	RAE	
XX965	AM	Jaguar GR.1	14 Sqn	
XZ368	AN	Jaguar GR.1	14 Sqn	
XZ372	AQ	Jaguar GR.1	14 Sqn	
XX836	AZ	Jaguar T.2	14 Sqn	
XW550	X	Buccaneer S.2B	16 Sqn	
		Harrier T.4		
		Harrier GR.3	[4 Sqn]	
		Harrier GR.3	[4 Sqn]	

Thursday 2nd November 1978 [HO]

		C-130	TAW	USAF
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL600:83 XL567:84 XL565:89 4 FTS visited Honington.				

Thursday 5th November 1978 [MC 2/79][HO]

G-AIYR	-	DH.89A Rapide	Private	
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Monday 6th November 1978 [HO]

		Andover		
XT481	E:VL	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	'NAVY YE'
XT453	G:VL	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	'NAVY YG'
Routed: Valley-Prestwick-Arbroath, see also 17.11.				

Tuesday 7th November 1978 [MC 2/79][HE][AIR 28/2310][MB]

4 FTS Gnat final flypast officially retired Friday 24th November 1978.

Formation led by CFI W/C Doug McGregor, callsign 'MIKE5'.



[Crown, copyright Dick Thomas collection]

One of the Gnats was also flown by the Station Commander G/C B L Robinson.

XR538:01 XP504:04 XP511:11 [S/L Heaney & F/L Mee] XR980:17 XP532:32 XP533:33

XS105:35 XP541:41 XR998:47 XS102:58 XP534 :62 XS109:63



This photograph depicts XP534:62 with the caption:

'F/L Jonathan Bayton preparing for take-off in the last flypast of the Gnat trainer, having arrived only minutes before from leave in Paris in order to take part'

[unknown photographer from Caernarfon via Cyril Jones]

XV436	E	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	
XV473	L	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	
XN643	26	JP T.3A	1 FTS	
XM352	33	JP T.3A	1 FTS	
XW858	C	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XW862	D	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XW866	E	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	

XW898	G	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XX382	M	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XX406	P	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XT607	AP	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	

Based noted:

Gnat T.1 XM709:09 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble [by road ?] see 8.11

Gnat T.1 XP533:33 4 FTS to CFS 'Red Arrows' Detachment Kemble, see 8.11 though. [XP533 was subsequently allocated 8632M 24.5.79 and taken to 2 SoTT Cosford 21.9.79 for ground instructional use. It then went to 1 SoTT on 17.4.84 and back with 2 SoTT by 6.87 coded 'Q'. Sold at auction 9.3.90 [total hours 3652] and exported to the USA 5.90, registered N533XP 12.3.93 to Thomas C Foley/NTC Group [Greenwich CT] still extant 2018]

Wednesday 8th November 1978 [Peter Carter logbook*][MB]

XX889	[T]	Buccaneer*	16 Sqn	
		Buccaneer*		

*From West Freugh following a live bomb drop.

Based noted:

Gnat T.1 XM709:09 XP533:33 4 FTS arrived at Kemble for long term storage.

[XM709 was allocated 8617M on 12.1.79 then on 4.3.79 by road to 1 SoTT, Halton for ground instruction coded '74' Sold at MoD auction 9.3.90 and to the USA for spares]



XP533 is seen here at Halton 6.84 [Fergal Goodman]

Gnat T.1 XP541:41 XS102:58 4 FTS delivered to Abingdon.

[XP541 was subsequently allocated 8616M on 12.1.79 and transferred to non-effective stock on 29.2.80. It was noted in 1984 in a camouflaged colour scheme. On 31.1.86 it was transferred to Catterick for fire training. Sold 13.4.87 to Doug Arnold/Fairoaks Aviation Services [Bitteswell] and then onwards to the USA in 1989. Registered N8130Q 5.5.89 to Robert F Yancey [Klamath Falls OR] then to Andrew J McCarthy [Merrimack NH] 1.92 Then to McDonnell Enterprises Inc. [CA] 20.8.96, then to Robert N Davis [Tipton IN] 25.1.02 and lastly to SKA Consulting LLC [Westlake Village CA] 12.7.07 it's registration expired 31.3.12 and was cancelled 15.6.17]

[XS102 was subsequently allocated 8624M 12.1.79 and roaded to Halton 3.79 for ground instruction coded '66' It then went to Cosford 6.87 and was then sold at Auction 9.3.90 to Bob Thompson [N Weald] It was then roaded from Cosford to Leavesden and registered as G-MOUR 16.5.90 for Dave Gilmour of Pink Floyd fame. It was flown again from Leavesden in

6.91 and then sold to Ronan Harvey & Martin Gadsby/Yellowjack Group [Kemble] 26.6.02 It was then ferried to Kemble 28.6.02. Then sold to Heritage Aircraft Ltd [N Weald] 22.9.10 and roaded to N Weald 8.10 It was flown again 10.12.13 painted in Yellowjack scheme as 'XR991' and later 'XR992' Moved to St Athan 19.7.24 where it remains [2025]]

Thursday 9th November 1978 [HO][MB]

	-	Canberra PR.9	39 Sqn	
		Hercules C.1	LTW	
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR538:01 XP504:04 XP532:32 XP515:59 XR998:47 XS109:63 4 FTS [all arrived at Kemble for long term storage] [XP504 was allocated 8618M on 12.1.79 and taken to 1 SoTT, Halton by road 4.3.79 for ground instruction wearing the code '68' It was subsequently sold 10.91 and registered as G-TIMM 19.2.02 with Tim Manna. It then went to Swept Wing Ltd [Milton Keynes] 13.11.08 and then to Heritage Aircraft Ltd [North Weald] 9.11.10 It was painted as 'XS111' in Red Arrow colours and also as one of the prototypes 'XM693' On 1.8.15 whilst displaying at the Carfest North, Oulton Park it crashed due to a loss of control, the pilot Kevin Whyman was killed] [XP515 was allocated 8614M 11.1.79 and flown to Wattisham 12.3.79 for ground instruction. It was then taken to Otterburn 1.12.85 for use as a range target, destroyed by 1995] [XP532 was allocated 8615M 11.1.79 but again cancelled. It then went to RAE Farnborough 8.3.79 and struck off charge 9.3.79. The rear fuselage was used to refurbish XP516. It was subsequently sold to R J Coley [Egham] in 1990 and then taken to Colchester 20.9.90. Then to the USA for spares and used as a static airframe] [XR538 was allocated 8621M 12.1.79 and roaded to 1 SoTT Halton on 11.3.79 becoming '69' It was sold at auction 8.7.93 [total hrs 3648] and registered as G-RORY 18.10.93 to Rory C McCarthy [N Weald] it was taken by road from Halton to Cranfield and flown again 27.4.94 It was then registered to Bushfire Investments Ltd [Jersey] on 15.10.97 at North Weald. To Donald Milne [Stonehaven] 8.2.99 then to Delta Engineering Ltd [Kemble] on 30.7.02 To Mark Grimshaw [London] 10.1.05. To Swept Wing Ltd [Milton Keynes] 7.3.05 then to Heritage Aircraft Ltd [N Weald] 1.12.10 It moved to St Athan 23.7.24 where it remains airworthy] [XR998:47 was then allocated 8623M 12.1.79, to Halton by road 11.3.79 for ground instruction coded '71'. Sold, departing Halton 6.12.93. Registered N998XR 10.5.95 to John R Mulvey [Aurora CO] then to Denver Aerospace Museum at Front Range. Registration cancelled 30.8.12 but restored as N998XR 30.7.15 to Astre Air International [Watkins CO]] [XS109 was allocated 8626M 12.1.79 and taken by road to 2 SoTT Cosford 25.3.79 for ground instruction. It was then taken to Halton 17.4.84, then sold at auction 3.92 and shipped to the USA 9.92 then to Downbird USA 3.11.92 Registered N61457 7.93 to Welcome Aviation [Redmond WA] Then to David A Dulabon [Erie PA] 29.8.97 then to Denver Aerospace Museum [Watkins CO] 3.4.03 Re-registered N109XS 26.8.05 to Denver Aerospace Museum [Denver/Front Range CO]				



XR998 is seen here at Halton 6.84 [Fergal Goodman]

Friday 10th November 1978 [BARG][MC 2/79][HO]

158926	LN:45	P-3C*	VP-45	
*Landed 22:20 and departed morning 12.11				
G-AIYR	-	DH.89A Rapide	Private	

Sunday 12th November 1978 [BARG][MC 2/79][HO]

XZ571	140:TG	Sea King HAS.2	826 NAS	HMS Tiger
XZ574	143:TG	Sea King HAS.2	826 NAS	HMS Tiger
XV654	593:CU	Sea King HAS.2	706 NAS	

Monday 13th November 1978 [MC 3/79][AIR 24/3278][MB]

29 Sqn [5 aircraft] arrived from Coningsby at 10:10 for their MPC.				
29 Sqn MPC 13-24.11				
PM [XV399 XV436 XV501] flew practice range sorties.				
XV436	E	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	MPC
XV501	O	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	MPC
XV399	P	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	MPC
XV425	R	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	MPC
XV461	-	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	MPC
G-BNNH	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	From Halfpenny Green
		2x Jaguar		

Based noted:

Gnat T.1 XP511:11 to Abingdon.

[XP511 was subsequently allocated 8619M on 12.1.79 and struck off charge 15.1.79. It then went to 1 SoTT, Halton with the new code of '65' Eventually sold 3.92 and registered as N6145X 7.7.93 to Larry Henderson [Danville, Ca] later cancelled 23.3.19]

Gnat T.1 XP532:32 XS105:35 4 FTS arrived at Kemble for long term storage.

[XP532 was subsequently allocated 8615M 11.1.79 but was then cancelled, it went to RAE Farnborough 8.3.79 with the rear fuselage being used to refurbish XP516. It was sold to R J Coley [Egham] 1990 and moved to Colchester 20.9.90. It then went to the USA as spares for the static filming of 'Hot Shots' in 1991. Stored at Denver/Front Range 2006 for spares use]
[XS105 which is quoted as departing Valley 9.11.78 was subsequently allocated 8625M

12.1.79 and taken to 2 SoTT Cosford by road 25.3.79 as 'V'. Sold by auction 9.3.90 [total hrs 3371] to Sporting International Ltd and registered as N18GT 23.3.90 to Pyramid Aerospace Inc. [Houston TX] it then went to Cinema Air [Carlsbad CA] and then to the Air Museum [Chino CA] 9.3.99 Then to Miami Warbirds LLC [Coconut Grove FL] 9.4.04 Then to Foogair Inc [Wilmington DE] 14.2.07 On 29.7.13 it crashed near Georgetown Airport, SC after a loss of control possibly due to a trim/hydraulic failure]

Gnat T.1 XP534:62 4 FTS to Abingdon.

[XP534 was subsequently allocated 8620M 12.1.79 and struck off charge 15.1.79. It then went to 1 SoTT Halton 3.79 for ground instruction coded '64' It was sold 10.92 to Tim Manna and taken to Cranfield 23.11.93, then registered G-BVPP on 22.4.94 to Tim Manna. It flew again on 12.8.95. It then went to Red Gnat Ltd 2.5.03 but suffered an accident at North Weald on 17.9.04. Whilst approaching to land it lost engine power in the circuit and made a wheels up landing 1nm NW of the Airfield. No definitive technical issue could be established and the registration was cancelled 22.5.09 with the aircraft going by road to Bruntingthorpe 26.8.10 and to the South Wales Air Museum at St Athan on 7.4.19. It remains there painted as 'XR993' of the Red Arrows]

Hunter T.7 XL621:81 XL566:86 4 FTS visited Honington.

Tuesday 14th November 1978 [BARG][MC 2/79][HO][AIR 27/3548]

29 Sqn MPC no firing range slots all day due to bad weather at Valley and Llanbedr.				
XT756	W-M:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
XT479	W-X:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
68-0067	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Stirling
Men on a buoy off Rhyl, no action required.				

Wednesday 15th November 1978 [MC 2/79][HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548]

29 Sqn MPC no firing range slots all day due to bad weather at Valley and Llanbedr.				
		Harrier		
		Harrier		
		Harrier		
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Man airlifted from Holyhead Harbour to RAF Valley Medical Centre.				

Thursday 16th November 1978 [AIR 24/3278]

29 Sqn MPC no firing range slots all day due to bad weather at Valley and Llanbedr.				
PM range practice sorties flown [XV425 XV436 XV461 XV501]				

Friday 17th November 1978 [MC 12/78][HO][AIR 24/3278][MB]

29 Sqn MPC				
AM 1x AIM-7 firing [XV501]				
PM no firing range slots due to weather at Llanbedr.				

		Puma HC.1		'KWD91' from Coventry
G-BDOM	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	
XT756	W-M:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
XT479	W-X:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
XT481	E:VL	Wessex HU.5*	845 NAS	'NAVY YE'
XT453	G:VL	Wessex HU.5*	845 NAS	'NAVY YG'
*From HMS Hermes, see also 6.11.				
68-0067	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XR980:17 4 FTS delivered to Kemble. [XR980 was then allocated 8622M 12.1.79 and taken by road to 1 SoTT Halton on 11.3.79 for instructional use coded '70' [some parts of XR980 were swapped with XP500] It was registered as N936FC on 4.10.94 with Frank Chiodo Ltd [East Islip NY] then to Denver Aerospace Science Museum [Watkins CO] 2012. Then to Astre Air International [Watkins CO] 5.6.13 still present 2025]				

Monday 20th November 1978 [HO][AIR 24/3278]

29 Sqn MPC AM firing aborted due to target problems. PM no firing range slots due to bad weather.				
XV442	F	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	MPC from Coningsby 13:30
XV501	O	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	MPC to Coningsby 14:30
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	Landed.

Tuesday 21st November 1978 [HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548]

29 Sqn MPC no firing range slots due to weather at Llanbedr. AM local flying 10:00 [XV399 & XV461] & 10:30 [XV425 & XV436] PM local flying 12:30 [XV399 XV442 XV461]				
		3x Jaguar		
-				
XS675	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Red flares seen near Bangor, false alarm.				
XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
3 Sandhurst Cadets missing on Carnedd Llewelyn, found safe by MRT.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 4 FTS all visited Upper Heyford. XX226:226 XX232:232 XX235:235 XX239:239 Hunter F.6 XF386:75 returned to 4 FTS post repairs, see 27.7.77				

Wednesday 22nd November 1978 [MC 12/78 & 2/79][HO][AIR 24/3278]

29 Sqn MPC no firing range slots due to crosswinds at Llanbedr.				
G-ANUO	-	DH.114 Heron 2D	Private	From & to Coventry
G-BATC	-	Bo.105C	Bond	From EMA, Trinity House.
		Andover E.3	115 Sqn	

	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
		Harrier		
XX950	[-]	Tornado PO.8	BAC	

Thursday 23rd November 1978 [HO][AIR 24/3278]

29 Sqn MPC no firing range slots due to bad weather in the range. AM local flying 09:55 [XV442 & XV461] PM local flying [XV399 XV442 XV461]				
		Devon C.		

Friday 24th November 1978 [MC 12/78 & 2/79 & 3/79]

Gnat officially retired after 157,000 hours flown and 1,421 Pilots trained over 16 Years. Last pilot to go solo on one was F/L Steve Skinner.				
29 Sqn MPC AM 4 aborts for various reasons. PM 2 aborts for broken target cable. 29 Sqn [5 aircraft] departed back to Coningsby at 17:45 post their MPC.				
XV399	P	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	To Coningsby
XV425	R	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	To Coningsby
XV436	E	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	To Coningsby
XV442	F	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	To Coningsby
XV461	-	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	To Coningsby
XZ302	-	Gazelle AH.1	3 Flt/AAC	To Staverton
G-AXJV	-	PA-28 Cherokee	Private	From Halfpenny Green

Saturday 25th November 1978 [BARG][MC 2/79][HO]

XX626	46	Bulldog T.1*	Wales UAS	Dep 26.11
XX627	47	Bulldog T.1*	Wales UAS	Dep 26.11
XX628	48	Bulldog T.1*	Wales UAS	Dep 26.11
*Weekend Detachment.				
XW798	-	Scout AH.1	/AAC	To Birmingham

Monday 27th November 1978 [AIR 24/3277]

*The 56 Sqn aircraft delivered missiles from Wattisham.				
		Phantom FGR.2*	56 Sqn	STCAAME
		Phantom FGR.2*	56 Sqn	STCAAME
		Phantom FGR.2*	56 Sqn	STCAAME

Tuesday 28th November 1978 [BARG][MC 2/79]

XS643	D	Andover C.1	115 Sqn	Still in 84 Sqn markings
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Wednesday 29th November 1978 [MC 2/79][HO][Pprune wiggy logbook*]

XS643	D	Andover C.1	115 Sqn	Still in 84 Sqn markings
		3x JP T.5A		

XW335	27	JP T.5A*	RAFC	
*St Athan to Valley, N/stop due to heavy snow in S Wales, returned to St Athan 1.12				
		Jaguar		
XS862	650:PO	Wessex HAS.3**	737 NAS	
XP139	651:PO	Wessex HAS.3**	737 NAS	
XP140	654:PO	Wessex HAS.3**	737 NAS	
XS149	661:PO	Wessex HAS.3**	737 NAS	
**All routed: Prestwick-Valley-Portland.				

Thursday 30th November 1978 [BARG][MC 2/79][GP]

XS603	603	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	
XS643	D	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	
XW335	27	JP T.5A	RAFC	
Based noted: Hunter F.6 XG290:74 4 FTS visited Cranwell.				

Friday 1st December 1978 [MC 2/79][Pprune wiggy logbook*][AIR 27/3548]

		Phantom		
		Phantom		
	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	
	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	
	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	
	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	
		F-104G		
		F-104G		
		G.91		
		G.91		
		C-130		USAF
XW335	27	JP T.5A*	RAFC	To St Athan, see 29.11
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Hawk precautionary, landed safely.				

Saturday 2nd December 1978 [HO]

	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	
	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	
	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	
		Phantom		
		Phantom		
		Jaguar		

Sunday 3rd December 1978 [HO][AIR 27/3548]

	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	
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	-	HS.125		
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Search for missing boat in the Dee Estuary, nothing found.				

Monday 4th December 1978 [MC 2/79][HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3478]

56 Sqn [4 aircraft] arrived from Wattisham for their MPC.				
Part of Trial 'Granulla 78'				
'Granulla 78' was a trial in the Hebrides Range with a stiletto target launched from a Canberra. 2 Victors were also to be provided for refuelling the Phantoms although only one was ever based at Valley. The Phantoms were due to fire AIM-7 Sparrow missiles. In the event, there were no firings due to various reasons. The conclusion was that the Trial should have been held in Summer.				
PM Hebrides range practice [XV409 XV460 XV469 XV490]				
XV409	D	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC
XV460	E	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC
XV469	A	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC
XV490	G	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC
XL425	-	Vulcan B.2	617 Sqn	
Diversion from Scampton				
		Canberra PR.9		N/stop ?
		Canberra PR.9		N/stop ?
		Canberra T.4		N/stop ?
		Hercules		
XL450	042:R	Gannet AEW.3	B Flt/849 NAS	
Routed: Valley-Bruggen, retired as Ark Royal had been decommissioned.				
1 source says via Valley whereas another quotes Leeming.				
Based noted:				
Hawk T.1 XX241 4 FTS visited Northolt.				

Tuesday 5th December 1978 [MC 2/79][HE][HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3478][AIR 27/3548][[AIR 27/3449](#)]

56 Sqn MPC				
AM Aberporth range practice 10:00 [XV469/490]				
AM Hebrides range practice 10:30 [XV409/460]				
PM Hebrides range practice [XV460/464/469/490]				
*The Victors [57 Sqn] launched from Sculthorpe to support the Phantoms during the PM practice on the Hebrides Range, it then landed at Valley. Participated in 'Trial Granulla'				
XV464	B	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC from Wattisham 11:20
XL318	-	Vulcan B.2	617 Sqn	Or 230 OCU ?
XL425	-	Vulcan B.2	617 Sqn	See 4.12
XL425 departed back to Scampton but diverted back to Valley.				
XH671	-	Victor K.2*	57 Sqn	F/L Young N/stop
Supported the 56 Sqn live missile firing.				

XL162	-	Victor K.2*	57 Sqn	F/L Druitt N/stop
XV104	104	VC-10 C.1	10 Sqn	
		C-130	TAW	USAF
		C-160D		WGAF
		Andover		
		Jaguar		
		Jaguar		
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XS675	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Fallen climber near North Stack taken to Bangor Hospital.				

Wednesday 6th December 1978 [HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3478]

56 Sqn MPC no firing range slots due to bad weather at Llanbedr. AM Hebrides range practice 10:30 [XV409 XV460 XV469 XV490] Victor AAR support from Sculthorpe. AM local flying [XV464] PM Aberporth range practice [XV409 & XV474]				
XV466	K	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	STCAAME
Arrived from Wattisham at 12:30, departed back with XV469 at 15:00.				
XV474	F	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC from Wattisham 12:30
XV469	A	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC to Wattisham at 15:00
XL162	-	Victor K.2	57 Sqn	F/L Druitt
Departed at 09:15 to support the 56 Sqn missile firing, landed at Sculthorpe.				
		Lightning		
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
XL425	-	Vulcan B.2	617 Sqn	To Scampton, see 4/5.12

Thursday 7th December 1978 [BARG][MC 2/79][HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548]

56 Sqn MPC no firing range slots all day due to bad weather at Llanbedr. AM local flying [XV460 & XV490] AM Aberporth range practice [XV409 XV464 XV474] PM local flying [XV474 & XV490] PM Aberporth range practice [XV409 XV460 XV464]				
XV474	F	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC to Wattisham 16:30
XV469	A	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC from Wattisham 16:30
WH773	-	Canberra PR.7	13 Sqn	
XW988	-	Buccaneer S.2B	RAE	West Freugh
XV719	AA	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
G-AWMS	-	HS.125-3B	RTZ	
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Man & dog airlifted off a rock in the Valley area.				
XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Compassionate Case flown from Liverpool to Bangor Hospital.				

Friday 8th December 1978 [HE][HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548]

56 Sqn MPC no sorties all day due to no Jindivik and Hebrides range fouled.				
XV464	B	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC
XV409	D	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC
XV460	E	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC
XV474	F	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC
XV490	G	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC
WH773	-	Canberra PR.7	13 Sqn	
XV719	AA	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XH671	-	Victor K.2	57 Sqn	To Sculthorpe
XW988	-	Buccaneer S.2	RAE	West Freugh
		F-111		
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Escorted a Whirlwind 'RESCUE90' from the Irish FIR boundary to Valley.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 4 FTS new sightings XX240:240 XX241:241 XX242:242 XX243:243 XX244:244 Whirlwind HAR.10 2[A]FTS XP405:D XP333:G XP338:N Wessex HAR.2 C Fl/22 Sqn XR518 XS675				

Saturday 9th December 1978 [BARG][MC 2/79][HO]

XV261	61	Nimrod MR.1	St Mawgan Wg	
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Monday 11th December 1978 [MC 2/79][HO][AIR 24/3278]

56 Sqn MPC AM no firing slots. AM local flying 10:15 [XV464 & XV490] AM local flying 10:55 [XV460 & XV469] PM no firing slots, Hebrides range fouled. PM Hebrides range practice 14:30 [XV409 XV460 XV464 XV469 XV490] PM *Victor support for the Hebrides practice landed at Valley.				
		Victor K.2*	57 Sqn	From Sculthorpe
		Jaguar		
		Jaguar		
		Jaguar		

Tuesday 12th December 1978 [MC 2/79][HO][AIR 24/3278]

56 Sqn MPC AM Hebrides slot cancelled due Lightning risk & Victor* unable to take-off due crosswind. PM Hebrides slot cancelled due to the Victor tanker at Sculthorpe being un-servicable.				
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		Victor K.2*	57 Sqn	See above
		Buccaneer S.2		
	AR	RF-4C	/10 TRW	

Wednesday 13th December 1978 [BARG][MC 2/79][AIR 24/3278][MB]

56 Sqn MPC no firing slots all day due to crosswinds at Llanbedr. Trial Granulla discontinued with Canberra unserviceable due to a main wing spar crack. PM local flying 15:15 [XV409 XV460 XV469 XV490]				
XV469	A	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC
XV490	G	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC
	-	Vulcan B.2		
Based noted: Hunter T.7 WV372:85 4 FTS to Kemble for surface finishing [repaint]				

Thursday 14th December 1978 [HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548]

56 Sqn MPC AM no firing slots due to crosswinds at Llanbedr. PM no firing slots due to refuelling restrictions at Llanbedr.				
XV409	D	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC to Wattisham 16:35
		Devon		
		Heron/Varsity		
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XS675	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Search for missing walker on Snowdon, no action required.				

Friday 15th December 1978 [MC 2/79][HO][AIR 24/3278]

56 Sqn MPC AM 2x aborts due to poor visibility on the range [XV469 & XV464] PM no firing slots due to other users. 56 Sqn [4 aircraft] departed back to Wattisham at 16:30 post their MPC. No missiles fired during their MPC.				
XV460	E	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC
XV464	B	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC
XV469	A	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC
XV490	G	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC
		Jaguar		
		Jaguar		
		Jaguar		
		Hunter	TWU	
		Hunter	TWU	
		Hunter	TWU	
		Hunter	TWU	

Monday 18th December 1978 [MC 2/79][HO]

	-	Vulcan B.2		
		Canberra PR.9		
		Bucc/Phantom ?		

Tuesday 19th December 1978 [MC 2/79][HE][HO]

68-0076	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
XV460	E	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC
XV490	G	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC
XV468	H	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC
130321	321	CC-130E	[435 Sqn]	Canadian AF to Shannon.
Based noted: Whirlwind HAR.10 XP354 C Flt/22 Sqn				

Wednesday 20th December 1978 [AIR 24/3277][AIR 4/248]

STCAAME				
***'Omega Minor' firings in Aberporth Range from Binbrook, 2 missiles fired. Both landed at Valley for de-brief and stayed overnight.				
XP737	N	Lightning F.3**	11 Sqn	
XP751	S	Lightning F.3**	5 Sqn	
XV436	E	Phantom FGR.2*	29 Sqn	Weather diversion
XV399	P	Phantom FGR.2*	29 Sqn	Weather diversion
XV433	X	Phantom FGR.2*	29 Sqn	Weather diversion
*All the above were still present 21.12 The F-111's below were parked on ASP.4/STCAAME.				
68-0007	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	Weather diversion
68-0047	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	Weather diversion
68-0054	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	Weather diversion
68-0075	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	Weather diversion
68-0076	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	Weather diversion
68-0080	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	Weather diversion
71-0886	LN[g]	F-111F	495 TFS/48 TFW	Weather diversion

Thursday 21st December 1978 [MC 2/79][HE][HO][AIR 24/3277][AIR 27/3548][AIR 4/248]

XP737	N	Lightning F.3	11 Sqn	To Binbrook, see 20.12
XP751	S	Lightning F.3	5 Sqn	To Binbrook, see 20.12
XL231	-	Victor K.2	57 Sqn	
WG556	A	Shackleton MR.2	8 Sqn	N/stop ?
68-0007	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
68-0047	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
68-0054	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
68-0075	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
68-0076	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
68-0080	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	

71-0886	LN[g]	F-111F	495 TFS/48 TFW	
XV433	X	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	To Coningsby
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XS675	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Search for missing walker on Carnedd Llewelyn, no action required.				

Friday 22nd December 1978 [MC 2/79][HE][HO][AIR 24/3277]

XV411	S	Phantom FGR.2*	92 Sqn	Diversion, STCAAME
*Diverted whilst on a delivery flight from Wildenrath to St Athan for major servicing. Eventually departed 2.1.79				
XV193	193	Hercules C.1	LTW	'RRR953'
Routed: Lyneham-Machrihanish.				
WH320	N	Meteor D.16*	RAE Llanbedr	
WA662	-	Meteor T.7*	RAE Llanbedr	
WF379	-	Varsity T.1*	RAE	
*The Varsity & Meteors performed a formation flypast.				

Sunday 24th December 1978 [AIR 27/3548]

XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Search of snowbound roads S of Ruthin.				

Wednesday 27th December 1978 [HO]

		F-4/Phantom		
		F-111		

Thursday 28th December 1978 [HO]

		RF-4C		
		F-111		

Friday 29th December 1978 [HO]

	-	Cessna 337	Private	
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Sunday 31st December 1978 [MC 2/79][AIR 27/3548]

		VC-10 C.1	10 Sqn	
		VC-10 C.1	10 Sqn	
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XS675	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
4 people airlifted from a snowbound car on the Denbigh Moors.				
XS675	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Red flares sighted off Trearddur Bay, nothing found.				