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RAF Valley

Aircraft Movements

1979

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

The Hunters with 3 Sqn/4 FTS were retired during the latter part of 1979.
SARTS took over from 2[A]FTS in November, still operating the Whirlwind HAR.10.
Hawk display pilot: F/L Phil Tolman 4 FTS.

Abbreviations

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

[F]BW	[Fighter] Bomber Wing [USAF]
CAACU	Civilian Anti-Aircraft Co-operation Unit
CAFU	Civil Aviation Flying Unit
CASEVAC	Casualty Evacuation
CATCS	Central Air Traffic Control School
CAW	College of Air Warfare
CCCF	Coastal Command Communications Flight
CFS	Central Flying School
CN&CS	Central Navigation & Control School
ECM	Electronic Counter Measures
ETPS	Empire Test Pilots School
FCCS	Fighter Command Communications Squadron
FCTU	Fighter Command Trials Unit
FTCCS	Flying Training Command Communications Squadron
FTS	Flying Training School
GCA	Ground Controlled Approach
HQ CCCF	Headquarters Coastal Command Communications Flight
HQ FC	Headquarters Fighter Command
JSTU	Joint Services Trials Unit
MCS	Metropolitan Communications Squadron
MCU	Marine Craft Unit
MoA	Ministry of Aviation
MOTU	Maritime Operational Training Unit
MPC	Missile Practice Camp
MU	Maintenance Unit
NAS	Naval Air Squadron
NAVEX	Navigation Exercise
NCS	Northern Communications Squadron
N/stop	Night stop
OCU	Operational Conversion Unit
ORB	Operations Record Book
PD	Practice Diversion
QRA	Quick Reaction Alert [aircraft scramble]
RAFC	Royal Air Force College
RAFFC	Royal Air Force Flying College
SCS	Southern Communications Squadron
RRE	Radar Research Establishment
Sqn	Squadron
STCAAME	Strike Command Air-to-Air Establishment
TFS/TFW	Tactical Fighter Squadron/Wing
TRS/TRW	Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron/Wing [USAF]
TTF	Tanker Training Flight
UAS	University Air Squadron

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

Monday 1st January 1979 [AIR 27/3548]

XS675	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	S/L Hayes
Search for a boy in the water off Beaumaris, nothing found.				

Tuesday 2nd January 1979 [MC 2/79][HO]

XV411	S	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	See 22.12.78
68-0004	UH[r]	F-111E	77 TFS/20 TFW	
68-0014	UH[r]	F-111E	77 TFS/20 TFW	
68-0031	UH[y]	F-111E	79 TFS/20 TFW	

Wednesday 3rd January 1979 [MC 2/79][HO]

G-BBJS	-	Sikorsky S-58ET	Bristows	
XT670	AU	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XW375	10	JP T.5A	RAFC	Poachers scheme
XW410	14	JP T.5A	RAFC	
		4x Jaguar ?		

Thursday 4th January 1979 [MC 2/79][HE][HO][Pprune YellowSun logbook*][AIR 27/3548]

XP403	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	202 Sqn	
XJ729	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	202 Sqn	
XZ594	-	Sea King HAR.3	202 Sqn	
All from RAF Boulmer, the Sea King had taken over SAR duties there from 1.1.79				
XW375	10	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW410	14	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW411	16	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW306	Y	JP T.5B	6 FTS	
68-0004	UH[r]	F-111E	77 TFS/20 TFW	
68-0034	UH[r]	F-111E	77 TFS/20 TFW	
G-BCDG	-	Sikorsky S.58ET	Bristows	
XV233	33	Nimrod MR.1*	42 Sqn	Weather diversion
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XS675	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Precautionary Hawk alert, landed safely.				

Friday 5th January 1979 [MC 2/79][HE][HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548]

STCAAME				
*Collected from STCAAME and delivered to St Athan, see 22.12.78				
XV411	S	Phantom FGR.2*	92 Sqn	Departed
77-0192	WR	A-10A	/81 TFW	PD 09:10

77-0193	WR	A-10A	/81 TFW	PD 09:10
XV233	33	Nimrod MR.1	42 Sqn	To St Mawgan, see 4.1
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Precautionary Hawk alert, landed safely.				

Monday 8th January 1979 [HO]

		Phantoms		
		Hercules		
	-	PA-30 Comanche	Private	

Tuesday 9th January 1979 [MC 2/79][AIR 27/3548]

		Phantom		
		Phantom		
		Phantom		
		Phantom		
		9x Buccaneer S.2		
	-	Vulcan B.2		
		F-104G		
		F-104G		
		Lightning		
		Lightning		
		Harrier		
		Harrier		
		3 x C-130		Detachment
All the above were noted 9-11.1				
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XS675	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Injured walker flown from Ogwen to Bangor Hospital.				

Wednesday 10th January 1979 [HO][AIR 24/3278]

STCAAME				
*Diversions with 'live' 1,000lbs bombs, parked on the STCAAME ramp.				
		Buccaneer S.2*		STCAAME
		Buccaneer S.2*		STCAAME
		Buccaneer S.2*		STCAAME
		Buccaneer S.2*		STCAAME
Parked on the STCAAME ramp without approval!				
		Phantom		
		Hercules		

Thursday 11th January 1979 [HO][AIR 24/3278][MB]

STCAAME				
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29 Sqn [3 aircraft] from Coningsby to Aberporth Range. 2x AIM-9 fired [XV461 & XV473] before landing at Valley at 15:50. All 3 later departed back to Coningsby at 17:50.				
XV461	H	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	STCAAME
XV473	L	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	STCAAME
XV489	A	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	STCAAME
		2x Hercules		
		3x Buccaneer S.2		
		2x Lightning		
		2x F-104		
	-	Vulcan B.2		
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX170 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for surface finishing.				

Friday 12th January 1979 [MC 2/79][HE][HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 4/248]

STCAAME The 29 Sqn jet arrived to perform chase duties for a 23 Sqn aircraft. However, the firing was cancelled due to ice at Wattisham. The 29 Sqn aircraft later departed back to Coningsby.				
XV473	L	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	STCAAME
XZ631	-	Tornado P[S]15*	BAC Warton	
XV107	107	VC-10 C.1	10 Sqn	
	-	Victor K.2*		
*Tornado refuelled from the Victor in the afternoon.				

Saturday 13th January 1979 [MC 2/79][HE][HO][AIR 27/3548]

XR769	B	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	
XW211	CH	Puma HC.1	33 Sqn	
G-AIYR	-	DH.89A Rapide	Private	[Ex. HG691]
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
2 injured walkers flown from the Llanberis area to Bangor Hospital.				

Sunday 14th January 1979 [HO]

		Hercules/Andover ?		
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Monday 15th January 1979 [HO]

	-	Hiller UH-12	Private	
XZ246	320:AZ	Lynx HAS.2*	702 NAS	
XZ247	463:CP	Lynx HAS.2*	702 NAS	
XZ248	428:MV	Lynx HAS.2*	702 NAS	
*All routed: Yeovilton-Valley-Prestwick.				

Tuesday 16th January 1979 [MC 4/79][HO][AIR 28/2310][AIR 27/3458][AIR 24/3278]

STCAAME

*First Wildenrath Battle Flight [XV465:Z] firing of a Sparrow III missile, Jindivik destroyed.
This was Jindivik 103BL A92-674.

Both 92 Sqn aircraft landed at Valley 11:45.

The Chase aircraft remained at Valley to cover 2 further firings by UK based Phantoms.

It also acted as chase to a 56 Sqn jet [XV490:G] which operated direct from Wattisham.

The chase was unable to return to Wildenrath due to weather there; but the firer departed.

56 Sqn [3 aircraft] arrived from Wattisham at 18:30 and were prepared for firing on 17.1

XV465	[Z]	Phantom FGR.2*	92 Sqn	STCAAME departed 14:00
XV498	R	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	STCAAME Chase
XV424	[-]	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	STCAAME/MPC
XV464	B	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	STCAAME/MPC
XV468	[H]	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	STCAAME/MPC
		6x Jaguars	226 OCU	
		RF-4C		
		Sea King HAR.3	[RAFSKTU]	
Airlifted 3 ancient cannons from the beach at N Stack, to be put on display at RAF Valley after restoration work.				
XZ229	740:VL	Lynx HAS.2	702 NAS	Yeovilton to Prestwick

Wednesday 17th January 1979 [MC 4/79][HE][HO][AIR 24/3278]

56 Sqn MPC				
AM 56 Sqn fired 2x AIM-9 [XV464 & XV424]				
PM 56 Sqn fired 1x AIM-7 [XV424]				
XV474	F	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC from Wattisham 12:30
XS610	610	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	
XX955	AF	Jaguar GR.1	14 Sqn	
XZ369	AP	Jaguar GR.1	14 Sqn	
XX889	T	Buccaneer S.2	16 Sqn	
XV498	R	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	To Leuchars, see 16.1
		F-111		

Thursday 18th January 1979 [MC 4/79][HO][AIR 24/3278]

56 Sqn MPC no range sorties due to crosswinds at Llanbedr.				
56 Sqn [4 aircraft] departed back to Wattisham 11:30.				
XV424	[D]	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	To Wattisham
XV464	B	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	To Wattisham
XV468	[H]	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	To Wattisham
XV474	F	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	To Wattisham
XX889	T	Buccaneer S.2	16 Sqn	
		Buccaneer S.2	16 Sqn	
		Buccaneer S.2	16 Sqn	
		Buccaneer S.2	16 Sqn	

Friday 19th January 1979 [HO]

XZ237		Lynx HAS.2		
XZ239	[345]	Lynx HAS.2	[702 NAS]	

Saturday 20th January 1979 [AIR 27/3548]

XS675	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Attempted MEDEVAC to the Stoke area, unable to complete due to freezing fog.				

Monday 22nd January 1979 [MC 4/79][HE][HO]

XS603	603	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	
72-1450	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	
XV436	E	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	
XV425	R	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	
G-AXKD	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	
EI-AWY	-	Mitsubishi MU-2B	Private	
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX245 & XX249 4 FTS new sightings. Hawk T.1 XX232 4 FTS PD Newcastle.				

Tuesday 23rd January 1979 [HO]

	-	Vulcan B.2		17:50
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Wednesday 24th January 1979 [MC 4/79][HO]

XH562	-	Vulcan B.2	27 Sqn	Or XH563
		Tornado	BAC	

Thursday 25th January 1979 [MC 4/79][HE][HO]

XW375	10	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW436	62	JP T.5A	[CFS/RFS]	
XW358	18	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW354	[7]	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW361	21	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XF967	-	Hunter T.8B	237 OCU	
XL614	-	Hunter T.7A	237 OCU	
XN976		Buccaneer S.2	12 Sqn	
XL189	-	Victor K.2	55 Sqn	
XH563	-	Vulcan B.2	27 Sqn	
68-0061	UH[y]	F-111E	79 TFS/20 TFW	

Saturday 27th January 1979 [MC 4/79][HO]

XW354	[7]	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW358	18	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW361	21	JP T.5A	RAFC	

Sunday 28th January 1979 [HO][AIR 27/3548]

		Phantom		
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XS675	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Injured climber on Crib Goch, MRT flown to the cloud base.				

Monday 29th January 1979 [MC 4/79][HO][SB]

XR728	D	Lightning F.6	LTF	
	-	Vulcan B.2	101 Sqn	
		Jaguar		
XT427	502	Wasp HAS.1	703 NAS	Scott Wilson
Mountain Flying in the MFTA.				

Tuesday 30th January 1979 [MC 4/79][HO][SB][AIR 27/3548]

XS729	G	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	'N62'
XS738	K	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	'N61'
WH779	[-]	Canberra PR.7	13 Sqn	'E37' or 39 Sqn?
XT427	502	Wasp HAS.1	703 NAS	To Shawbury, see 29.1
XN976		Buccaneer S.2	12 Sqn	N/stop ?
XX896		Buccaneer S.2	12 Sqn	N/stop ?
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Precautionary Hawk alert, landed safely.				

Wednesday 31st January 1979 [BARG][MC 4/79][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548]

XN976		Buccaneer S.2	12 Sqn	'AGR'
XX896		Buccaneer S.2	12 Sqn	Or XX898?
68-0034	UH[r]	F-111E*	77 TFS/20 TFW	'SEWN15'
*Emergency landing with engine failure at 11:15, hangared at STCAAME. Wessex HAR.2 XR518 22 Sqn [F/L Coy] was scrambled for this but not required.				
68-0036	UH[r]	F-111E	77 TFS/20 TFW	'KEY20'
		C-130	TAW	USAF spares for F-111 '034
		Canberra		
XW287	P	JP T.5B	6 FTS	'KELVIN'
XW352	R	JP T.5B	6 FTS	'KELVIN'
XW354	7	JP T.5A*	RAFC	'D24'
XW375	10	JP T.5A*	RAFC	'D49'
XW410	14	JP T.5A*	RAFC	'D37'
XW358	18	JP T.5A*	RAFC	'D97'
XW361	21	JP T.5A*	RAFC	'D26'
*The JP's were based for 2 weeks, Navigation Detachment.				

Friday 2nd February 1979 [HO][AIR 24/3278]

68-0034	UH[r]	F-111E*	77 TFS/20 TFW	
*Departed back to Upper Heyford post repairs, see 31.1				

Saturday 3rd February 1979 [MC 4/79][HO][AIR 27/3548]

XV209	209	Hercules C.1	LTW	
XS603	603	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	
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XS675	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	S/L Hayes
Man with a broken leg flown from Glaslyn to Bangor Hospital.				
XS675	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	S/L Hayes
Search of the Snowdon area, nothing found.				

Sunday 4th February 1979 [AIR 27/3548]

XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	S/L Hayes
2 casualties in the Snowdon area flown to Bangor Hospital.				
XS675	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
1 casualty flown from Crib Goch to Bangor Hospital.				
XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
1 casualty flown from Clogwyn Station to Nant Peris.				
XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Red flares reported off Porthdinllaen, nothing found.				
XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Search for a girl on Pen-yr-Ole Wen, nothing found.				

Monday 5th February 1979 [MC 4/79][MG][AIR 27/3548]

		Sea King HAS.	NAS	
		Sea King HAS.	NAS	
XS603	603	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	
XX768	BA	Jaguar GR.1	17 Sqn	'MB COMBINE'
XX821	BF	Jaguar GR.1	17 Sqn	
XX824	BH	Jaguar GR.1	17 Sqn	
XX964	BL	Jaguar GR.1	17 Sqn	
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Precautionary Hawk alert, landed safely.				

Tuesday 6th February 1979 [MC 4/79][HO][AIR 24/3278]

*Both Lightnings were from and to Binbrook.				
		Lightning*	5 Sqn	STCAAME
		Lightning*	5 Sqn	STCAAME
XX768	BA	Jaguar GR.1	17 Sqn	
XX821	BF	Jaguar GR.1	17 Sqn	

XX824	BH	Jaguar GR.1	17 Sqn	
XX964	BL	Jaguar GR.1	17 Sqn	

Wednesday 7th February 1979 [MC 4/79][HO]

XX817	BB	Jaguar GR.1	17 Sqn	
		5x Jaguar		
		F-111		
		F-111		
		Canberra		
		Phantom		

Thursday 8th February 1979 [MC 4/79][HO][AIR 27/3548]

XJ782	-	Vulcan B.2	27 Sqn	
ZA101	-	Hawk 101	BAe	G-HAWK
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Injured man flown from Llyn Idwal to Bangor Hospital.				

Friday 9th February 1979 [HO][AIR 27/3548]

		6x JP		Same as 31.1 ?
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XS675	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Injured man flown from Devil's Kitchen to Bangor Hospital.				

Saturday 10th February 1979 [MC 4/79][HO][AIR 27/3548]

	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	'LAY15'
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Injured man flown from Crib Goch to Bangor Hospital.				

Sunday 11th February 1979 [AIR 27/3548]

XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
2 injured climbers flown from the Garn to Bangor Hospital.				

Monday 12th February 1979 [MC 4/79][HO]

XX187	102	Hawk T.1A	1 TWU	
XX254	133	Hawk T.1A	1 TWU	
Gnat T.1 XP516:16 ex. 4 FTS arrived at Farnborough by road.				

Tuesday 13th February 1979 [MC 4/79][HE][HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3405]

XV402	G	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	Diversion, STCAAME
XV472	L	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	Diversion, STCAAME
		Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	Diversion, STCAAME

XV297	297	Hercules C.1	LTW	
XV103	103	VC-10 C.1*	10 Sqn	'RRR2524' STCAAME
*Diversion with an engine failure whilst enroute Belfast-Brize Norton.				
	-	Vulcan B.2		Departed 07:30
		Canberra		

Wednesday 14th February 1979 [MC 4/79][HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548]

68-0050	UH[b]	F-111E*	55 TFS/20 TFW	Diversion STCAAME
		F-111E*	/20 TFW	STCAAME
*Both were handled by STCAAME, serviceable aircraft returned to Upper Heyford. Wessex HAR.2 XR518 22 Sqn [F/L Lanigan] was scrambled but not required.				
		Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	To Coningsby, see 13.2
		Tornado**	BAe Warton	
**Although not a visitor, it caused a sonic boom over Northern Anglesey causing damage to windows etc.				

Thursday 15th February 1979 [HO][MG][AIR 24/3278]

Heavy snow almost cut off STCAAME from the rest of the Station. Civilian employees were sent home at midday and Service personnel stood down at 15:00.				
		Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
	-	Vulcan B.2		
XX950	-	Tornado PO.8*	BAe Warton	PD
*Auto-ILS testing on its 177 th flight, one approach to Runway 14. Pilot: Russ Pengelly, Nav: George McAuley.				

Friday 16th February 1979 [MC 4/79][HO][AIR 27/3548]

XV402	G	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	
XV472	L	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	
		Hercules		
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	S/L Hayes
Precautionary Hawk alert, not required.				

Saturday 17th February 1979 [MC 4/79][HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3478]

XJ782	-	Vulcan B.2	27 Sqn	
XJ783	-	Vulcan B.2	617 Sqn	'C20'
XJ783 arrived from Stavanger and then departed to Leeming.				
XV103	103	VC-10 C.1	10 Sqn	To Brize Norton, see 13.2
68-0050	UH[b]	F-111E	55 TFS/20 TFW	
XV402	G	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	
XV472	L	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	

Sunday 18th February 1979 [HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548]

XJ782	-	Vulcan B.2	27 Sqn	
68-0050	UH[b]	F-111E	55 TFS/20 TFW	To Upper Heyford, see 14.2
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Climber flown from Cader Idris to Aberystwyth Hospital.				

Monday 19th February 1979 [MC 4/79][HO][AIR 24/3278]

XV438	Y	Phantom FGR.2*	228 OCU	STCAAME
*Delivered 4x AIM-9 missiles in the morning and returned to Coningsby in the afternoon.				
XV402	G	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	To Wattisham, see 13.2
XV472	L	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	To Wattisham, see 13.2

Tuesday 20th February 1979 [MC 4/79][HO][AIR 27/3548]

XW438	2	JP T.5A	RAFC	Poachers
XW422	3	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW328	22	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW335	27	JP T.5A	RAFC	'C64'
XS712	A	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XS729	G	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XS738	U	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	'C06'
XV212	212	Hercules C.1*	LTW	'RRR4443'
*Weather diversion from Lyneham.				
[XZ243]	327	Lynx HAS.2	702 NAS	
XL576	81	Hunter T.7	1 TWU	
G-AYKU	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	S/L Hayes
Climber flown from [Porter] to Bangor Hospital.				

Wednesday 21st February 1979 [MC 4/79][HO][MG][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3449]

The Lightnings pre-positioned to STCAAME for a possible 'Omega Minor' firing on 22.2				
XR749	Q	Lightning F.3	11 Sqn	STCAAME
XS458	T	Lightning T.5	5 Sqn	STCAAME
XL190	-	Victor K.2*	55 Sqn	'B32' landed 08:45
XL191	-	Victor K.2*	55 Sqn	'B54' landed 09:30
XH672	-	Victor K.2*	57 Sqn	'BVX26' landed 10:15 F/L Barrell
*Weather diversions from Sculthorpe, returned 22.2				
The Victors were supporting 29 Sqn's detachment to Akrotiri, Cyprus.				
	G	Alouette AH.1	6 Flt/AAC	N/stop

Thursday 22nd February 1979 [MC 4/79][HE][HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548]

No MPC firings due to fog AM at Llanbedr and a full range schedule PM. The Lightnings flew 5 training sorties during the day, the T.5 later departed to Binbrook.				
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XR749	Q	Lightning F.3	5 Sqn	STCAAME 'DDW223'
XS458	T	Lightning T.5	5 Sqn	STCAAME 'DDW254'
XL190	-	Victor K.2*	55 Sqn	
XL191	-	Victor K.2*	55 Sqn	
XH672	-	Victor K.2*	57 Sqn	
*All 3 Victors departed back to Sculthorpe, see 21.2.				
XX497	74	Jetstream T.1	6 FTS/METS	
68-0004	UH[r]	F-111E	77 TFS/20 TFW	'LAY520'
XX396	N	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	'E06'
	-	Canberra PR.9	39 Sqn	
G-ANUO	-	DH.114 Heron 2D	Private	
XW437	1	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW438	2	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW422	3	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW328	22	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW335	27	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW427	56	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
XW436	62	JP T.5A	1 FTS	
XM349	H	JP T.3A	CFS	
XN499	L	JP T.3A	CFS	
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	S/L Hayes
2 injured walkers on the Watkin Path. Unable to complete as the Wessex became unserviceable.				
XS675	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
2 injured walkers on the Watkin Path flown to Bangor Hospital, see above.				
XS675	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Search for missing climbers on Snowdon, called off due to bad weather.				

Friday 23rd February 1979 [MC 4/79][HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548][MB]

STCAAME AM Lightning had a misfire on an 'Omega Minor' firing.				
XR749	Q	Lightning F.3	5 Sqn	STCAAME to Binbrook AM
XL445	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	'B19'
XW437	1	JP T.5A	RAFC	Poachers
XW438	2	JP T.5A	RAFC	Poachers
XW422	3	JP T.5A	RAFC	Poachers
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XS675	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Search for climbers on Snowdon, found by the MRT.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX170 returned from Kemble, see 11.1.79				

Saturday 24th February 1979 [HO][AIR 27/3548]

	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	PD at 13:55
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XS675	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
2 casualties flown from the Ellen to Bangor Hospital.				

Monday 26th February 1979 [MC 4/79][HO][AIR 24/3278]

228 OCU [4 aircraft] arrived from Coningsby at 10:00 for their MPC. 228 OCU MPC [12 QWI Course] 26.2-6.3 PM 1x AIM-9 misfire [XT903]				
XV492	[J]	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	MPC
XT903	G	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	MPC
XT907	[T]	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	MPC
XT912	L	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	MPC
		Lightning		
		Lightning		
	-	Basset CC.1		
G-BFFI	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	From & to IoM

Tuesday 27th February 1979 [MC 4/79][HO][MG][AIR 24/3278]

228 OCU MPC AM 1x AIM-9 misfire [XT903] and 1x AIM-9 firing [XT907] PM no sorties due to bad weather at Valley and Llanbedr.				
XV670	590:CU	Sea King HAS.2	706 NAS	
		Jaguar*		
		Jaguar*		
		Tornado*		
		Tornado*		
XX950	-	Tornado PO.8	BAC	PD Runway 14
Pilot Russ Pengelly, Nav George McAuley [Flight No.182 for PO.8]				
*The Jaguars and Tornados flew with the Lightnings that visited on the 28.2				

Wednesday 28th February 1979 [MC 4/79 & 5/79][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548][MB]

228 OCU MPC AM 1x AIM-9 firing [XT912] PM 2x AIM 7 aborted firings [XT907 & XT903]				
		Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	Diversion STCAAME
		Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	Diversion STCAAME
These 2 jets were extra to the 4 already at Valley. The diversions were handled by STCAAME				
XR769	B	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	See 27.2
XR772	C	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	See 27.2
G-BNNH	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	From Halfpenny Green
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XS675	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	S/L Hayes

CASEVAC from RAF Valley to RAF Halton.
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL609:80 returned from Kemble, see 15.8.78

Thursday 1st March 1979 [MC 4/79][HO][AIR 24/3278]

228 OCU MPC no range sorties due to target problems at Llanbedr. PM I aircraft local flying [XT912]				
XL320	-	Vulcan B.2	[230 OCU]	
XS603	603	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	
XS765	-	Basset CC.1	A&AEE	'EVERGREEN10'
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
	-	Beaver AL.1	/AAC	

Friday 2nd March 1979 [HO][AIR 24/3278]

228 OCU MPC no range sorties due to bad weather at Llanbedr. AM 228 OCU flew OC STCAAME on a training sortie [XT912]				
		F-111		09:00
		Jetstream		

Saturday 3rd March 1979 [AIR 27/3548]

XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	S/L Hayes
Man with back injuries flown from Crib Goch to Bangor Hospital.				

Monday 5th March 1979 [HO][AIR 24/3278][MB]

228 OCU MPC AM 1x AIM-7 firing [XT903] PM 1x AIM-7 firing [XT903], last missile for 228 OCU.				
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
	-	Vulcan B.2		
	-	Beaver AL.1	/AAC	
Based noted: Hunter T.7 WV372:85 4 FTS from 5 MU Kemble, arrived there 13.12.78				

Tuesday 6th March 1979 [MC 4/79][HO][AIR 24/3278]

228 OCU [4 aircraft] departed back to Coningsby post their MPC.				
XT903	G	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	To Coningsby dep 11:10
XT907	[T]	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	To Coningsby dep 11:10
XV492	[J]	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	To Coningsby dep 11:30
XT912	L	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	To Coningsby dep 11:30
XW898	G	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XW906	J	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XX374	L	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XX382	M	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XX205	120	Hawk T.1A	1 TWU	N/stop

Wednesday 7th March 1979 [MC 4/79][HO]

XX205	120	Hawk T.1A	1 TWU	
XL578	83	Hunter T.7	1 TWU	
XZ371	BP	Jaguar GR.1	17 Sqn	

Thursday 8th March 1979 [MC 4/79][HO][AIR 24/3278]

	-	Vulcan B.2	617 Sqn	'B41'
		Lightning T.5	11 Sqn	STCAAME
From & to Binbrook.				
Based noted: Gnat T.1 XP532:32 ex. 4 FTS flew from Kemble to Farnborough with XP533 as crew ferry.				

Friday 9th March 1979 [HO]

		Varsity T.1		
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Saturday 10th March 1979 [MC 4/79][AIR 27/3548]

G-BEUX	-	Cessna F172M	Private	To Birmingham
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Casualty with head injuries flown from the Lake District to Walton Hospital, Liverpool.				

Sunday 11th March 1979 [AIR 27/3548]

XS675	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	S/L Hayes
2 exposure cases flown from Craig Berwyn to Oswestry.				

Monday 12th March 1979 [MC 4/79][HO][AIR 24/3278]

19 Sqn [4 aircraft] arrived at 10:25 from Wildenrath for their MPC. 19 Sqn MPC 12-23.3, 6 missiles fired [4 AIM-7/2 AIM-9] PM 3 [XV407 XV484 XV497] flew a practice range sortie.				
XV407	H	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	MPC
XV484	G	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	MPC
XV491	L	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	MPC
XV497	A	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	MPC
XV192	192	Hercules C.1*	LTW	
XV199	199	Hercules C.1*	LTW	'RRR4272'
*First Hercules arrived 14:00 and second 18:05. 19 Sqn MPC support				
VP954	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
VP958	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
XT271	I	Buccaneer S.2	15 Sqn	
XW543	U	Buccaneer S.2	16 Sqn	
XX893	V	Buccaneer S.2	16 Sqn	
XV340	Y	Buccaneer S.2	16 Sqn	
Ex. 4 FTS Gnats now at 1 SoTT [School of Technical Training] at Halton:				

XM706:12 [8572M] XM708:18 [8573M] XM709:09 [8617M] XP503:03 [8568M] XP504:04 [8618M] XP511:11 [8619M] XP530:64 [8606M] XP534:62 [8602M] XP538:38 [8607M] XP540:40 [8608M] XR535:05 [8569M] XR538:01 [8621M] XR569:08 [8560M] XR951:26 [8603M] XR953:29 [8609M] XR954:30 [8570M] XR980:17 [8622M] XR984:52 [8571M] XR998:47 [8623M] XS100:57 [8561M] XS102:58 [8624M] XS110:20 [8562M]

Gnat T.1 XP515:59 ex. 4 FTS delivered to Wattisham from Kemble.

JP T.3A XM472 as crew ferry.

Tuesday 13th March 1979 [MC 4/79][HO][AIR 24/3278]

19 Sqn MPC

AM 4 [XV484 XV407 XV497 XV491] flew a range sortie, 2x AIM-9 fired [XV484 XV497]

PM 4 [XV497 XV484 XV491 XV407] flew a range sortie.

PM 19 Sqn Battle flight firing [XV428:E]* from Wildenrath plus chase [XV407]

Battle flight aircraft [XV428] stayed at Valley overnight due to bad weather at Wildenrath.

MPC callsigns were 'Romeo & Quebec Combine'

XV428	E	Phantom FGR.2*	19 Sqn	Battle Flight, landed 14:30
XV407	H	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	'ML54' chase for XV428
XV497	A	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	MPC
XV484	G	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	MPC
XV491	L	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	MPC
XW528	C	Buccaneer S.2	15 Sqn	
XX890	K	Buccaneer S.2	15 Sqn	'QKF'



[Tudor Rowlands]

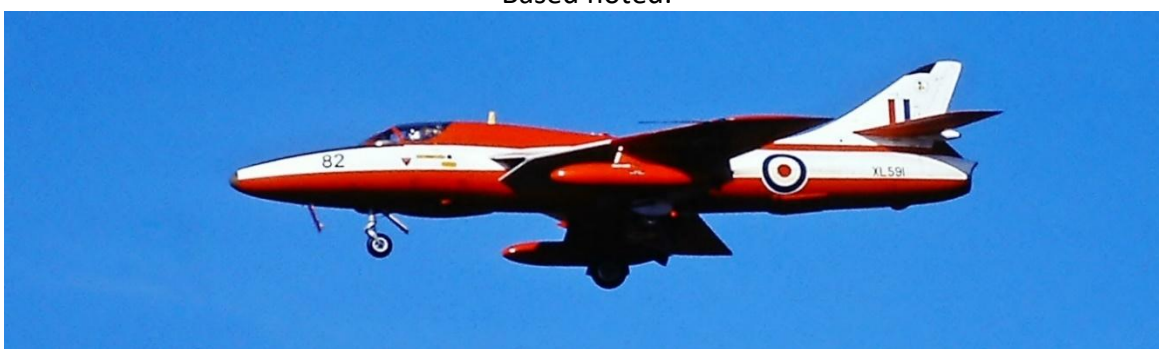
XW546	L	Buccaneer S.2	15 Sqn	
XX894	M	Buccaneer S.2	15 Sqn	'MKF'



[Tudor Rowlands]

G-BATC	-	Bo.105C	Trinity House
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Based noted:



Hunter T.7 XL591:82 4 FTS. [Tudor Rowlands]

Hawk T.1 XX163 XX181 XX232 XX241 CFS/4 FTS visited Leuchars.

Wednesday 14th March 1979 [HO][AIR 24/3278]

19 Sqn MPC

AM 4 [XV497 XV484 XV491 XV407] flew a range sortie.

PM 1 [XV407] flew a Sea Wolf missile trial.

PM 4 [XV497 XV484 XV491 XV407] flew a range sortie, 1x AIM-7 firing [XV497]

XV428	E	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	MPC to Wildenrath 10:00
		Lightning*		STCAAME

*Delivered 2 Red Top missiles from Binbrook to STCAAME.

		F-111		
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Based noted:

Hawk T.1 XX233 XX234 XX245 4 FTS visited Leuchars.

Thursday 15th March 1979 [MC 4/79][HO][AIR 24/3278]

19 Sqn MPC

AM 4 [XV497 XV484 XV491 XV407] flew a range sortie, 2x aborted firings [XV484 XV491]

PM 4 [XV497 XV484 XV491 XV407] flew a range sortie, 1x AIM-7 firing [XV484]

WH740	K	Canberra T.17	360 Sqn	Dep 19.3
		Hercules C.1	LTW	

Friday 16th March 1979 [AIR 24/3278]

19 Sqn MPC no range sorties due to bad weather at Valley and Llanbedr.				

Saturday 17th March 1979 [AIR 27/3548]

XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	S/L Hayes
Snowbound pregnant lady flown to Wrexham Hospital.				

Monday 19th March 1979 [MC 4/79][HO][AIR 24/3278]

19 Sqn MPC no unmanned flying by Llanbedr all day. PM 2 [XV484 XV491] flew against a manned Meteor from Llanbedr.				
XV471	[V]	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	STCAAME
From and to Wildenrath, flown back by OC 19 Sqn. Arrived 12:50 and departed 14:25.				
68-0066	UH[r]	F-111E*	77 TFS/20 TFW	'Sewn16'
*Emergency landing				
XW923	23	Harrier GR.3	1 Sqn	'TARTAN'
XV753	C	Harrier GR.3	233 OCU	'TARTAN'
[XV400]	F	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	MPC
	-	Vulcan B.2		
G-TAXI	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	
Gnat T.1 CFS/Red Arrows pre-season display detachment. XS101:1 XR955:2 XR987:3 XR540:4 XR991:5 XR572:6 XP535:7 XP514 XR993 & spare XP539				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX172 XX236 XX237 4 FTS visited Leuchars. Whirlwind HAR.10 2[A]FTS Detachment XP333:G XP338:N XD163:X				

Tuesday 20th March 1979 [MC 4/79][HE][HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548]

19 Sqn MPC no flying all day due to bad weather at Llanbedr. PM 3 [XV484 XV491 XV497] flew local sorties.				
XV497	A	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	MPC
XV484	G	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	MPC
XV407	H	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	MPC
XV491	L	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	MPC
XX194	109	Hawk T.1A	234 Sqn/1 TWU	
	-	Victor K.2		PD 'F—52'
38+57	-	F-4F	JBG-36	'MISSION5335A' WGAF
38+65	-	F-4F	JBG-36	'MISSION5335B' WGAF
XM609	-	Vulcan B.2	44 Sqn	
XL321	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	
63-7806	-	C-130E*	32 TAS	'OLD51'
*Emergency landing due to port outer engine failure.				
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XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy

Injured boy from a snowbound farm flown to Bangor Hospital.

Wednesday 21st March 1979 [HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548]

19 Sqn MPC AM 3 [XV484 XV497 XV491] flew a range sortie, 1x AIM-7 firing [XV484] PM 1 [XV497] flew a Sea Wolf trial. *Northern QRA aircraft.				
		Phantom FG.1*	43 Sqn	Diversion, STCAAME
		F-111	TFW	09:35
		F-111	TFW	09:35
63-7860	-	C-130E	314 TAW	'OLD64'
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XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
3 fishermen winched off a drifting boat near Blackpool to Coastguards on the beach.				
XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Girl with broken leg flown from Glaslyn to Bangor Hospital.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX180:180 4 FTS visited Coltishall.				

Thursday 22nd March 1979 [HO][AIR 24/3278]

19 Sqn MPC AM 3 [XV407 XV497 XV491] flew range sortie, 2x aborted firings [XV491] PM no sorties due to bad weather at Llanbedr.				
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
XZ115	C	Jaguar GR.1	41 Sqn	
XZ356	J	Jaguar GR.1	41 Sqn	

Friday 23rd March 1979 [HO][AIR 27/3419][AIR 24/3278]

19 Sqn MPC AM 3 [XV491 XV484 XV407] flew an abortive range sortie. 19 Sqn returned to Wildenrath post their MPC.				
XV497	A	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	To Wildenrath 11:30
XV407	H	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	To Wildenrath 13:05
XV484	G	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	To Wildenrath 13:05
XV491	L	Phantom FGR.2	19 Sqn	To Wildenrath 13:05
		Hercules C.1*	LTW	Arrived 10:00, depart 12:00
		Hercules C.1*	LTW	Arrived 10:45, depart 13:45
*Return of 19 Sqn MPC support to Wildenrath.				
		RF-4C		

Saturday 24th March 1979 [HO]

XW204	CA	Puma HC.1	33 Sqn	
XW221	DE	Puma HC.1	230 Sqn	
		Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	

Thursday 29th March 1979

Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX234:234 4 FTS PD Newcastle.				

Friday 30th March 1979 [AIR 27/3548]

XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Search for missing light aircraft in the Wrexham area, nothing found.				

Saturday 31st March 1979 [AIR 27/3548]

XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Search for missing light aircraft in the Crewe area, nothing found.				

Sunday 1st April 1979 [AIR 27/3548]

XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Roberts
Injured seaman flown from a French Trawler to Bangor Hospital.				
XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Search for missing aircraft in the Corwen area, found by another light aircraft.				

Monday 2nd April 1979 [MC 6/79][HO][AIR 28/2310]

XV270	-	Beaver AL.1	/AAC	From Staverton
XT756	W-M:VL	Wessex HU.5*	707 NAS	
XT475	W-N:VL	Wessex HU.5*	707 NAS	
XS498	W-Q:VL	Wessex HU.5*	707 NAS	
XS486	W-W:VL	Wessex HU.5*	707 NAS	
*Mountain Flying Detachment with SARTS until 6.4				

Tuesday 3rd April 1979 [MC 6/79][HO][MG][AIR 27/3548]

68-0055	UH[b]	F-111E*	55 TFS/20 TFW	
*Emergency landing due to engine problems. Wessex HAR.2 XR497 22 Sqn [F/L Lanigan] was scrambled but not required.				
63-7894	-	C-130E	314 TAW	Dep 4.4 ?
68-10963	-	C-130E**	[425 TAW]	
**Spares for F-111 68-0055.				

Wednesday 4th April 1979 [MC 6/79][HO][MG][AIR 27/3406][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548]

STCAAME 'Omega Minor' missile firing from Binbrook, misfire.				
		Lightning	11 Sqn	STCAAME to Binbrook PM
XR749	Q	Lightning F.3	5 Sqn	STCAAME F/L Paxton N/stop
Another 'Omega Minor' firing, successful, stayed overnight to chase a QRA firing on 5.4				
XX497	74	Jetstream T.1	3 FTS	
VP957	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	

		Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	
		Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	
63-7894	-	C-130E	314 TAW	'OLD74'
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Fallen walker flown from the Watkin Path to Bangor Hospital.				

Thursday 5th April 1979 [MC 6/79][HO][AIR 27/3406][AIR 24/3278]

STCAAME				
AM No QRA firing.				
PM the 5 Sqn aircraft fired a missile on an 'Omega Minor' and flew back to Binbrook.				
PM 11 Sqn aircraft had a missile abort on an 'Omega Minor' from Binbrook.				
After de-brief at Valley if flew back to Binbrook in the evening.				
XR749	Q	Lightning F.3	5 Sqn	To Binbrook, see 4.4
XP695	M	Lightning F.3	11 Sqn	F/L Wheeler
	ZR	RF-4C*	/26 TRW	
*There were two 26 TRW RF-4's noted at Bentwaters on 7.4, 69-0361:ZR & 69-0374:ZR, possibly one of these ?				
G-AWMS	-	HS.125-3B	RTZ	
		F-111		
		F-111		
		Jaguar		
		Jaguar		
XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10		

Friday 6th April 1979 [MC 6/79][HE][HO][AIR 24/3278]

XS726	T	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
70-2366	LN	F-111F*	/48 TFW	STCAAME
*Emergency landing, hangared at STCAAME for repairs on 7.4				
Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 C Flt/22 Sqn XR497 XR518 Whirlwind HAR.10 2[A]FTS Detachment XP333:G XJ727:L XP338:N XD163:X				



Whirlwind HAR.10 XP354 C Flt/22 Sqn [Hywel Evans]



Hunter F.6 XF526:78 & XG290:74 4 FTS [Hywel Evans]



Hunter F.6 XF383:72 4 FTS [Hywel Evans]



Hunter F.6 XG209:69 4 FTS

This aircraft was delivered to 5 MU store, Kemble in 14.5.79. [Hywel Evans]

Based noted:

Hawk T.1 XX239:239 XX240:240 4 FTS visited Bruggen.

Saturday 7th April 1979 [MC 6/79][HE][HO][AIR 27/3548]

70-1260	-	C-130E	435 TAW	Spares for F-111, see 6.4
[77-0236]	WR	A-10A*	/81 TFW	
[77-0239]	WR	A-10A*	/81 TFW	
[77-0262]	WR	A-10A*	/81 TFW	
*A-10A callsign 'SPONG71 FLIGHT'				
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Girl with back injuries on the Watkin Path flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Monday 9th April 1979 [AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548]

STCAAME				
*Delivered 4 Red Top missiles from Binbrook, departed early PM to Brawdy.				
		Lightning*	5 Sqn	STCAAME
		Lightning*	5 Sqn	STCAAME
70-2366	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	To Lakenheath, see 6.4
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Search for 3 missing people on Snowdon, nothing found.				
XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Fallen walker on the Snowdon pipeline flown to Bangor Hospital.				
Based noted:				
Hawk T.1 XX171 XX181 XX224 XX241 4 FTS visited Leuchars.				

Tuesday 10th April 1979 [MC 6/79]

G-BATC	-	Bo.105C	Private	Trinity House
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Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX224:224 4 FTS visited Coltishall.
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Wednesday 11th April 1979 [MC 6/79][HE][HO][AIR 24/3278]

*Northern QRA diverted to Valley and stayed overnight due to bad weather in Scotland.				
XT861	C	Phantom FG.1*	43 Sqn	STCAAME
XZ113	A	Jaguar GR.1	41 Sqn	
XZ117	E	Jaguar GR.1	41 Sqn	
XW788	-	HS.125 CC.1	32 Sqn	
VP957	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
XT458	P	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
WT537	-	Canberra PR.7	13 Sqn	
XL359	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	

Thursday 12th April 1979 [MC 6/79][HE][HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548]

XT861	C	Phantom FG.1	43 Sqn	To Kinloss, see 11.4
XV214	214	Hercules C.1	LTW	
XS514	L	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
68-10364	-	HH-53C	67 ARRS	
XW229	[DB]	Puma HC.1	[230 Sqn]	
G-BNNH	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	From Halfpenny Green
G-BBNX	-	Cessna FRA150L	Private	
G-ANAF	-	Dakota IV	Air Atlantique	Overflew Llangefni.
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
2 missing people on Snowdon, see 13.4				
Based noted: Hunter F.6 XF386:75 4 FTS.				

Friday 13th April 1979 [AIR 27/3548]

XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
1 girl recovered from the Clogwyn area flown to Bangor Hospital. Man found dead by the MRT, these were the 2 mentioned in the 12.4 flight.				

Sunday 15th April 1979 [AIR 27/3548]

XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Lanigan
Search for missing swimmer off Rhyl, nothing found.				

Monday 16th April 1979 [AIR 27/3548]

XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Fallen climber flown from the Ogwen Valley area to Bangor Hospital.				

Tuesday 17th April 1979 [MC 6/79][HO]

68-0038	UH[b]	F-111E	55 TFS/20 TFW	
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	

Wednesday 18th April 1979 [MC 6/79][HE][HO]

XZ285	85	Nimrod MR.1	42 Sqn	
WV787	-	Canberra B.2/8	A&AEE	

Thursday 19th April 1979 [MC 6/79][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548]

228 OCU [2 aircraft] arrived for their Mini QWI MPC. 228 OCU MPC 19-20.4 The serials are 2 out of the 3 on 20.4.				
		Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	MPC arrived midday
		Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	MPC arrived PM
G-BNNH	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	From & to Staverton
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Speedboat with 2 onboard in distress at Hell's Mouth, no action required.				

Friday 20th April 1979 [MC 6/79][HE][HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548]

228 OCU MPC AM 3 rd aircraft arrived plus 1x AIM-7 firing [XT894] PM aborted after the tow detached from the Jindivik. All 3 aircraft departed back to Coningsby early evening.				
XT894	B	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	To Coningsby
XV413	V	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	To Coningsby
XV415	Z	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	To Coningsby
69-5794	-	HH-53C	67 ARRS	'JOLLY71' dep 26.4
WK116	E	Canberra B.2	100 Sqn	
WJ603	G	Canberra B.2	100 Sqn	
XT283	-	Buccaneer S.2	237 OCU	
G-BITC	-	PA-60 Aerostar 601P	Private	
G-BAWV	-	PA-23 Aztec 250B	Private	
G-ASMG	-	DH.104 Dove 8	BAe	
		Nimrod MR.1		
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XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Man fallen on the Gogarth Cliffs into the sea, nothing found.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX231 XX240 4 FTS visited Bruggen.				

Saturday 21st April 1979 [AIR 27/3548]

XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Boy with head injuries flown from Moel Siabod to Bangor Hospital.				

Monday 23rd April 1979 [MC 6/79][HO][AIR 27/3406][AIR 27/3548]

11 Sqn [6 aircraft] arrived 10:08 from Binbrook for their MPC. 11 Sqn MPC 23.4-3.5, 6 missiles fired; 2 missiles not fired last year were added to this MPC. Arrived as a 6 ship 'Delta' formation. PM 11 Sqn flew 3 aircraft [XS921 XS927 XS936] on a training sortie.				
XR757	A	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XR769	B	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XR772	C	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XS921	F	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XS936	G	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XS927	H	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
	-	PA-30 Comanche	Private	
XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Precautionary Hawk alert, landed safely.				

Tuesday 24th April 1979 [HO][@MAR 11/20][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548]

11 Sqn MPC no unmanned target flying from Llanbedr due to crosswinds. AM 11 Sqn flew 5 aircraft on a training sortie [XR757 XR772 XS921 XS927 XS936] PM **2 aircraft flew to Binbrook at 14:00 for rectification, returning later to Valley.				
XR757	A	Lightning F.6**	11 Sqn	MPC returned 16:58
XS927	H	Lightning F.6**	11 Sqn	MPC returned 20:13
XV258	58	Nimrod MR.1	Kinloss Wg	
68-0064	UH[r]	F-111E	77 TFS/20 TFW	
		Phantom		
XS734	N	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
Based noted: Hawk XX171:171 'EQK33' & XX177:177 'EQK57' 4 FTS both PD's at East Midlands Airport. Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn training with Trearddur Bay lifeboat.				

Wednesday 25th April 1979 [MC 6/79][HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548]

11 Sqn MPC AM no unmanned target flying due to strong winds, 2 [XR769 XS936] flew with a Meteor. PM 2 [XR769 XS936] flew a training sortie. PM 5 [XR757 XR772 XS921 XS927 XS936] flew a range sortie with 1x Red Top firing [XS927]				
	-	RF-4C		
		RF-4C		
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn training with the Moelfre lifeboat.				

Thursday 26th April 1979 [MC 6/79][HO][AIR 24/3278]

11 Sqn MPC				
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AM 5 [XR757 XR769 XR772 XS921 XS936] flew a range sortie AM 1x Red Top firing, misfire [XR769] PM 5 [XR769 XR772 XS921 XS927 XS936] flew a range sortie, 1x Red Top firing [XS921]				
68-0032	UH[y]	F-111E	79 TFS/20 TFW	
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX242 4 FTS PD Newcastle.				

Friday 27th April 1979 [AIR 24/3278]

11 Sqn MPC AM sortie aborted due to target problems [XR769 XR772 XS921 XS927 XS936] PM 5 [XR757 XR772 XS921 XS927 XS936] flew a range sortie, 1x Red Top firing [XS927]				
XR757	A	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC to Binbrook 17:12
XS921	F	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC to Binbrook 17:12

Monday 30th April 1979 [MC 8/79][HO][Pprune MAINJAVAD][AIR 24/3278]

11 Sqn MPC no target flying all day due to strong winds at Llanbedr. AM 2 [XR769 XS927] carried out local sorties. PM 4 range practice sorties flown [XR772 XS927] & [XR769 XS936]				
XR769	B	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XR772	C	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XS936	G	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC
XS927	H	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	MPC

May 1979 [AIR 28/2310]

Station Flight handled 159 movements including 1 VIP.				
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Tuesday 1st May 1979 [MC 8/79][HO][AIR 24/3278]

11 Sqn MPC AM 3 [XR769 XR772 XS936] flew a range sortie. PM 4 [XR769 XR772 XS927 XS936] flew a range sortie, 2x Red Tops fired [XR772 XS936]				
XP695	M	Lightning F.3	11 Sqn	MPC from Binbrook, 14:05
XR713	O	Lightning F.3	11 Sqn	MPC from Binbrook, 16:40
VP977	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
		Buccaneer S.2		
		Jaguar		
		Jaguar		
		F-111		

Wednesday 2nd May 1979 [MC 8/79][HO][AIR 24/3278]

11 Sqn MPC no target flying all day due to strong winds at Llanbedr. 11 Sqn returned to Binbrook post their MPC despite 1 missile still to be fired.				
XP695	M	Lightning F.3	11 Sqn	To Binbrook dep 09:15
XR713	O	Lightning F.3	11 Sqn	To Binbrook dep 09:50

XR769	B	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Binbrook dep 13:45
XR772	C	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Binbrook dep 13:45
XS927	H	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Binbrook dep 13:45
XS936	G	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	To Binbrook dep 13:45

Thursday 3rd May 1979 [MC 8/79][HO][AIR 27/3406]

11 Sqn MPC PM 11 Sqn aircraft direct from Binbrook fired a Red Top [XR772] then landed at Valley. 3 aircraft recovered to Valley and departed back to Binbrook at 16:32.				
XR772	C	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	STCAAME/MPC
XS927	H	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	STCAAME/MPC
XS936	G	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	STCAAME/MPC
XS603	603	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	

Friday 4th May 1979 [HO]

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Sunday 6th May 1979 [MC 8/79][HE][HO]

XT672	AZ	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
202	-	Alouette III	Irish Air Corps	

Monday 7th May 1979 [HO]

234	-	Super King Air	Irish Air Corps	
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX237 4 FTS visited Lyneham.				

Tuesday 8th May 1979 [MC 8/79][HO]

XW858	C	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XW866	E	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XW870	F	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XW910	K	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	

Wednesday 9th May 1979 [MC 8/79][HO][AIR 27/3548][AIR 27/3548]

XS603	603	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	
		Nimrod MR.1		PD
Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn training with the West Kirby lifeboat.				

Thursday 10th May 1979 [AIR 24/3278]

STCAAME *Delivered 2 Red Top missiles from Binbrook, later departed back there. See 14.5 for the 5 Sqn MPC.				
		Lightning*	5 Sqn	STCAAME

Sunday 13th May 1979 [HO][AIR 27/3548]

G-BEPG	-	BN-2A Trislander	Private	
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Search for Danish sailor overboard near the Dee Estuary, nothing found.				

Monday 14th May 1979 [MC 8/79][HO][AIR 24/3278][MB]

5 Sqn [6 aircraft 4x F.6/1x F.3/1x T.5] arrived from Binbrook for their MPC. 5 Sqn MPC 14-25.5 PM no range slots due to bad weather.				
XS895	B	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC arrived 10:35
XS898	J	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC arrived 10:35
XR758	E	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC arrived 11:10
XS932	F	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC arrived 11:10
XP751	S	Lightning F.3	5 Sqn	MPC arrived 10:40
XS458	T	Lightning T.5	5 Sqn	MPC arrived 10:40
XS730	H	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
Based noted: Hunter F.6 XG209:69 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for long term storage. [XG209 subsequently served with 237 OCU & 12 Sqn. It became 8709M and was taken to Halton 17.11.81 for ground instruction. It was scrapped 1994 at Hanningfield Metals but the nose was preserved and ended up firstly in Chelmsford in 1995 and later in Kingston-upon-Thames]				

Tuesday 15th May 1979 [HO][AIR 24/3278]

5 Sqn MPC no sorties flown due to low cloud at Valley and Llanbedr.				
		Devon C.2	RAE	

Wednesday 16th May 1979 [HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548]

5 Sqn MPC no sorties flown due to low cloud at Valley and Llanbedr.				
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
	-	Vulcan B.2		
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Injured boy flown from Penmon Cliffs to Bangor Hospital.				

Thursday 17th May 1979 [HO][AIR 24/3278]

5 Sqn MPC no target flying all day due to bad weather at Llanbedr. AM 5 [XP751 XS458 XS895 XS898 XS932] flew a practice range sortie. PM 2 aircraft flew back to Binbrook; and a replacement aircraft flown to Valley.				
XS932	F	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC to Binbrook 14:46
XP751	S	Lightning F.3	5 Sqn	MPC to Binbrook 15:03
XR771	C	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC from Binbrook 21:06
		Jaguar		

		Andover E.3	115 Sqn	
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Friday 18th May 1979 [MC 8/79][HO][Pprune MAINJAVAD][AIR 24/3278]

5 Sqn MPC AM 5 [XS458 XR758 XR771 XS895 XS898] flew a range sortie. AM 2x aborted firings [XS898 XR758] PM 5 [XS458 XP751 XR758 XS895 XS898] flew a range sortie but flares failed to light on a firing attempt.				
XS895	B	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
XR758	E	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
XS898	J	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
XP751	S	Lightning F.3	5 Sqn	MPC from Binbrook 10:41
				To Binbrook ?

Saturday 19th May 1979 [MC 8/79][AIR 27/3548]

G-AWIY	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	
[G-ANRF]	-	DH.82A Tiger Moth	Private	
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Fallen climber on the Idwal Slabs flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Sunday 20th May 1979 [AIR 27/3548]

XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
1 man winched off cliffs on the Great Orme.				
XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Search for 2 missing boys on the Little Ormw, found safe.				

Monday 21st May 1979 [MC 8/79][HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548]

5 Sqn MPC AM 5 [XS458 XR758 XR771 XS895 XS898] flew a range sortie. AM 1x Red Top firing [XR758] which destroyed Jindivik 103BL A92-671. PM 4 [XS458 XP751 XR771 XS895 XS898] flew a range sortie. PM 1x Red Top firing [XS895] PM 5 [XS458 XP751 XR771 XS895 XS898] flew a range sortie, no firings.				
XS895	B	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
XR771	C	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
XR758	E	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
XS898	J	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC
XP751	S	Lightning F.3	5 Sqn	MPC
XS458	T	Lightning T.5	5 Sqn	MPC
68-0061	UH[y]	F-111E	79 TFS/20 TFW	PD 'RERUN22'
XN589	46	JP T.3A	1 FTS	
XW408	24	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW335	27	JP T.5A	RAFC	

XW310	37	JP T.5A	RAFC	
G-BTHS	-	PA-23 Aztec 250F	Private	
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XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
2 girls from Cnicht flown to Bangor Hospital suffering from hypothermia.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX175:175 XX232:232 4 FTS visited Coltishall.				

Tuesday 22nd May 1979 [AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548]

5 Sqn MPC no range slots due to weather forecast and other users. 5 Sqn flew 10 training sorties, 1 aircraft exchanged with Binbrook. AM local flying 10:17 [XR771 XS895 XS898] & 10:37 [XS458] PM local flying 14:17 [XS458 XP751] 14:48 [XR771 XS898] 15:22 [XS458] 16:53 [XS895]				
XS932	F	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC from Binbrook 11:28
XR758	E	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	MPC to Binbrook 16:53
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Injured boy flown from the Devil's Kitchen to Bangor Hospital.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX249:249 4 FTS visited Coltishall.				

Wednesday 23rd May 1979 [AIR 24/3278]

5 Sqn MPC no target flying due to low cloud and crosswinds at Llanbedr. PM 5 Sqn flew 3 training sorties with XS458 at 15:21, 16:17 & 17:09.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX235:235 4 FTS visited Upper Heyford.				

Thursday 24th May 1979 [MC 8/79][HO][AIR 24/3278][MB]

5 Sqn MPC AM 5 [XS458 XP751 XR771 XS895 XS898] flew a range sortie. AM 1x aborted firing [XS895] PM 5 [XS458 XP751 XR771 XS898 XS932] flew a range sortie. PM 2x Red Top firings [XR771 XS898] PM 2 [XS458 XS898] flew a range sortie, 1x Red Top fired [XS898] [XS895 & XS932 were ground aborts for this sortie] XP751 was stopped from taking off due to the missile motors being suspect. 1 aircraft [XR771] was hit by debris from an exploding Red Top motor just after launch. It required a double engine change.				
XX969	DC	Jaguar GR.1	31 Sqn	
XX974	DH	Jaguar GR.1	31 Sqn	
		Jaguar		
XX768	BA	Jaguar GR.1	17 Sqn	
Based noted:				

Hunter F.6 XG290:74 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for long term storage.
 [XG290 subsequently served with Laarbruch Station Flight before becoming 8711M 21.1.81
 It went to 1 SoTT, Halton 20.10.81 for ground instruction. In 1987 it was put on display at
 Bentley Priory before being disposed of to Storage at Swanton Morley in 1990. It then went
 to Bruntingthorpe in 1991 and Jet Heritage in 1991 where it was used for spares recovery.
 The tail was used for Hunter T.7 XL578 and the nose was acquired by a private collector. In
 2010 it was acquired by the Boscombe Down Aviation Collection]

Hunter T.7 XL565:89 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for long term storage.
 [XL565 subsequently served with 237 OCU & FRADU. It was sold 17.1.94 to Witham
 Specialist Vehicles Ltd and then to Delta Jets at Kemble. It eventually arrived at
 Bruntingthorpe 21.3.02 from Kemble where with sections from WT745 & XL591 it is kept in
 ground running order]

Friday 25th May 1979 [MC 8/79][HE][HO][Pprune ACW355 logbook*][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3548]

5 Sqn MPC				
AM 4 [XS458 XP751 XS895 XS898] flew a range sortie, 2x Red Top firings [XS898 XS895] 5 Sqn [5 aircraft] then departed back to Binbrook post their MPC. 1 aircraft [XR771] left at Valley for repairs which was , see 24.5				
XS932	F	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	To Binbrook dep 10:22
XS895	B	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	To Binbrook dep 11:40
XS898	J	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	To Binbrook dep 11:40
XP751	S	Lightning F.3	5 Sqn	To Binbrook dep 11:40
XS458	T	Lightning T.5	5 Sqn	To Binbrook dep 12:04
XS178	N	JP T.4	CATCS	
XW333	46	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XV104	104	VC-10 C.1	10 Sqn	
		[Heron]		
G-BFTE	-	AA-5 Traveller*	Private	From Manchester
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Search for a missing party on Moel Hebog, not required.				

Sunday 27th May 1979 [AIR 27/3548]

Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn training with Holyhead Coastguard Cliff Rescue Team.				

Monday 28th May 1979 [AIR 27/3548]

Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn training with Beaumaris & Holyhead lifeboats. Also displayed at the Colwyn Bay Festival.				

Tuesday 29th May 1979 [HO][AIR 27/3548]

	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
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XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
2 divers swept out to sea off the Lleyn Peninsula, recalled as they were found safe.				

Wednesday 30th May 1979 [MC 8/79][HE][HO][AIR 24/3278]

STCAAME				
*23 Sqn QRA firing from Wattisham, AIM-9 fired.				
*Landed at Valley 10:48 and departed back to Wattisham 13:35.				
XV432	D	Phantom FGR.2*	23 Sqn	STCAAME
XK138	S	Hunter FGA.9	2 TWU	
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX233:233 4 FTS visited Honington.				

Thursday 31st May 1979 [MC 8/79][HE][HO][AIR 28/2310][AIR 27/3548]

Visit of Princess Alexandria, 24 ship Hawk T.1 formation. Arrived in Andover CC.2 XS793 Queens Flight 'KITTY1'				
1 st wave XX164 XX174 XX166 XX178				
2 nd wave XX163 XX162 XX242 XX185				
3 rd wave XX236 XX177 XX165 XX238				
4 th wave XX171 XX181 XX235 XX241				
5 th wave XX231 XX232 XX182 XX244				
6 th wave XX243 XX249 XX237 XX172				
Airborne spare XX170				
Photoship XX225				
Static Display:				
Whirlwind HAR.10 XP331:T 2[A]FTS				
Wessex HAR.2 XR497 C Flt/22 Sqn				
Hunter T.7 XL609:80 4 FTS				
XL318	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	'C63'
XS793	-	Andover CC.2	Queens Flt	'KITTY1'
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XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
2 boys and a man winched off a boat at Porth Wen, dropped off with the Coastguard.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX233:233 4 FTS visited Brawdy.				

June 1979 [AIR 28/2310]

Station Flight handled ? movements including ? VIP. Hunters detached to Coltishall whilst runway 14/32 was closed. Hawks used 02/20.				
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Friday 1st June 1979 [MC 8/79][HE][HO][TF][AIR 24/3278]

STCAAME				
*Brought in spares for XR771, see 24.5				
XS458	T	Lightning T.5*	5 Sqn	

68-0025	UH[r]	F-111E	77 TFS/20 TFW	PD 'RERUN33'
XW375	10	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW319	67	JP T.5A	1 FTS	
XW427	56	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
XP354	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
XS458	T	Lightning T.5*	5 Sqn	STCAAME
Based noted: [Trevor Ford] Hawk T.1 4 FTS/CFS XX162 XX163 XX165 XX167 XX170 XX171 XX172 XX174 XX175 XX177 XX178 XX181 XX182 XX183 XX185 XX223 XX224 XX231 XX232XX233 XX235 XX236 XX237 XX238 XX240 XX241 XX242 XX243 XX244 XX249 XX250 Hunter F.6 4 FTS XF527:70 XF383:72 XF386:75 XF526:78 Hunter T.7 4 FTS XL621:81 XL591:82 XL600:83 XL601:88 XL613:91 XL573:97 Wessex HAR.2 C Flt/22 Sqn XR497 XR518 Whirlwind HAR.10 2[A]FTS Detachment XR453:A XP394:C XP333:G XP331:T XD163:X Gnat T.1 XR534:65 Gate Guard Vampire T.11 XE874 Gate Guard				

Saturday 2nd June 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Injured walker from Heather Terrace, Tryfan to Bangor Hospital.				

Sunday 3rd June 1979 [AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3549]

XR771	C	Lightning F.6	5 Sqn	To Binbrook 13:48, see 24.5
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XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Report of a Yacht on fire off Carmel Head, false alarm.				

Monday 4th June 1979 [MC 8/79][HO][Pprune MAINJAVAD][AIR 24/3278]

PM Valley's Runway 14/32 closed for re-surfacing until end of August. STCAAME although the range was still active the MPC aircraft used Brawdy.				
	SP	F-4G	/52 TFW	Or RF-4 ?
	SP	F-4G	/52 TFW	Or RF-4 ?

Tuesday 5th June 1979 [GJ][Pprune MAINJAVAD][AIR 27/3406]

		2x Jaguar		
		VC-10 C.1	10 Sqn	
XW333	36	JP T.5A	RAFC	



[Glyn Jones]

WH320	N	Meteor D.16	RAE Llanbedr	
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[Glyn Jones]

Based noted:

Hawk T.1 XX235:235 4 FTS visited Wyton.
Hawk T.1 XX169:169 4 FTS visited Wildenrath.

Wednesday 6th June 1979 [HO]

		F-111		08:15
	-	Beaver AL.1	/AAC	
	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	

Based noted:

Hawk T.1 XX166:166 4 FTS visited Finningley.

Thursday 7th June 1979 [HO][AIR 28/2310][AIR 27/3549]

		Jaguar		
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
		?		

AVM Cairns, 18 Group inspection of 22 Sqn, by air ?

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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
MEDEVAC from Bangor Hospital to Oswestry.				

Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX175:175 4 FTS visited Coltishall.				
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Saturday 9th June 1979 [MC 8/79][AIR 28/2310][AIR 27/3549]

XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
1 climber flown from the Idwal Slabs to Bangor Hospital.				
XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Search for a missing light aircraft in the Wrexham area, see below.				
		Nimrod MR.1*		
XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2*	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
*Both involved in the search for Cessna 337A G-ATNY which crashed into the side of Moel Siabod near Betws-y-Coed on 8.6 whilst en-route Coventry-IoM, all 6 onboard killed.				
Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn displayed at Hawarden Open Day.				

Sunday 10th June 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Injured climber flown from the Llanberis Pass to Bangor Hospital.				

Monday 11th June 1979 [Pprune MAINJAVAD][AIR 24/3278]

29 Sqn MPC was carried out direct from Coningsby due to runway resurfacing at Valley.				
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XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Suicide case at Queensferry, not required.				

Tuesday 12th June 1979 [MC 8/79][AIR 28/2310][AIR 27/3549]

		Nimrod MR.1*		
		P-3 Orion*		
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XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2*	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
*All involved in the search for Tornado PO.8 XX950 which crashed 44nms off Blackpool.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX180:180 4 FTS visited Coltishall. Hawk T.1 XX179:179 4 FTS PD Newcastle. Hunter T.7 XL609:80 XL601:88 4 FTS visited Coltishall.				

Wednesday 13th June 1979 [HO]

	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	
	-	PA-28 Cherokee	Private	
		Hercules		
		Andover		

Thursday 14th June 1979 [MC 8/79][HO][AIR 27/3549]

XV176	176	Hercules C.1	LTW	
Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn displayed at Aberystwyth.				

Friday 15th June 1979 [MC 8/79][HO][AIR 27/3549]

	WR	A-10A	/81 TFW	
	WR	A-10A	/81 TFW	
	WR	A-10A	/81 TFW	
	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	
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XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Sick crewman flown from the Skerries to Holyhead.				

Saturday 16th June 1979 [ABN1979][AIR 27/3549]

XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Man with a broken ankle flown from South Stack to Bangor Hospital.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX240:240 4 FTS Waddington Airshow. Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn exercise with Holyhead Lifeboat.				

Sunday 17th June 1979 [MC 8/79][HO][AIR 27/3549]

	WR	A-10A	/81 TFW	PD
		B-52[H]	[BW]	Overflown at 15:00
Present at Marham from 5.6-3.7 for the annual bombing competition were: 60-0049 28 BW, 60-0054 319 BW, 60-0058 410 BW and 61-0003 28 BW. Most probably one of these.				
Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn exercise with Ramsey, IoM Lifeboat.				

Monday 18th June 1979 [MC 8/79][HO][AIR 27/3549]

	-	Twin Pioneer		
		Canberra		
	-	HH-53C	67 ARRS	
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XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Stranded Yacht in the Menai Straits, not required.				

Tuesday 19th June 1979 [MC 9/79][AIR 27/3549][MB]

G-BNNH	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	From Halfpenny Green
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XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
MEDEVAC from Machynlleth to Liverpool.				
XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Boat adrift in the Menai Straits, not required.				

Based noted:

Hunter F.6 XF509:73 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for long term storage.

[XF509 subsequently became 8708M and used for ground instruction at RAE Bedford arriving 21.12.81 then to Cosford 18.2.83 It was then preserved at the Humbrol Factory [Hull] 10.95 before going to Fort Paull 9.5.08 Then to the RAF Manston Museum 18.6.21 for refurbishment and preservation at Airfix]

Hunter F.6 XG274:71 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for long term storage.

[XG274 was subsequently allotted 8710M and taken by road 30.11.81 to 1 SoTT, Halton for ground instruction. In 1993 she was purchased by Everett Aero and moved to storage in the Ipswich Area. It was then acquired by a collector and moved to Newmarket, Suffolk in 2001. In late 2021 it was acquired by the Suffolk Aviation Heritage Group]

Hunter T.7 XL591:82 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for long term storage.

[XL591 subsequently served with 237 OCU, 208 Sqn. It was sold to Witham Specialist Vehicles Ltd departing from Shawbury 12.1.94 Then to Everett Aero [Sroughton] 16.12.97 To Delta Engineering [Kemble] 16.4.98 It was then preserved at the Gatwick Aviation Museum, Charlwood in 2002, still present in 2025 in 4 FTS colours]

Hunter T.7 XL600:83 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for long term storage.

[XL600 subsequently served with 237 OCU & Laarbruch Station Flight. It was transferred then to the RN. It was eventually sold & registered as G-BVWN to Ed Stead & Peter Tuplin [Southall] It was then re-registered as G-VETA 2.7.96 to Jet Heritage Ltd [Christchurch] then TFB Aviation Ltd [Verwood] on 25.4.00 then to Gordon Hannam [Cheltenham] 22.12.00 then to Veta Ltd [Cheltenham] 15.5.01 then to Gower Jets Ltd [Durban, S Africa] 10.11.04 then to Skyblue Aviation Ltd [Exeter] 17.2.06 then to Classic Jet Heritage Ltd [Ludlow] 29.4.08 then to Viper Classics Ltd [London] 13.1.11 the re-registered G-RAXA 20.8.13 for Canberra 134 Ltd [Crawley] then to Midair Squadron Ltd [East Midlands] 24.12.14 Registration cancelled 23.8.16 & exported to Canada in May 2016 for the Canada Jet Aircraft Museum]

Hunter T.7 XL621:82 4 FTS to 5 MU Kemble for long term storage.

[XL621 subsequently served with BAe Warton, 237 OCU & RAE Bedford. It was sold and registered as G-BNCX 9.1.87 to FLS Aerospace [Lovaux] Ltd [Christchurch] but this was cancelled as permanently withdrawn from use 1.3.93 Then to Brooklands Museum 2.4.96 then to Dunsfold 29.6.05 for display, still there 2025]

Wednesday 20th June 1979 [HO]

		F-111		
		F-111		
XW375	10	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW367	26	JP T.5A	RAFC	

Friday 22nd June 1979 [HE][HO][AIR 27/3549]

XX494	B	Jetstream T.1	6 FTS/METS	
XP825	-	Beaver AL.1	7 Rgt/AAC	Yellow spinner
XP564	04	JP T.4	1 TWU	
XW325	33	JP T.5A	RAFC	
WB530	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
65-0962	-	HC-130H	67 ARRS	
G-BDCS	-	Cessna F150M	Private	

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XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
4 missing canoeists off Bardsey Island, 1 found and rescued.				

Saturday 23rd June 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Boat on fire near Abergele, not required.				

Sunday 24th June 1979 [HO]

XV722	BH	Wessex HC.2	18 Sqn	
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Monday 25th June 1979 [HO][AIR 27/3549]

XT430	501	Wasp HAS.1	703 NAS	
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XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	S/L Hayes
Search for diver off Carmel Head, not required.				
XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	S/L Hayes
2 men overboard from a Mersey Ferry, no action required.				
Based noted: Hunter T.7 4 FTS all visited Coltishall. XL609:80 XL566:86 XL597:87 XL573:97				

Tuesday 26th June 1979 [HE][HO]

XT423	414	Wasp HAS.1	829 NAS	
XX279	141	Hawk T.1A	1 TWU	
XW416	19	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW289	31	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW333	36	JP T.5A	RAFC	
D-ICAP	-	Learjet 24D	Minitrans	
G-AYAE	-	Bell 47G-4A	Private	To Staverton
G-AWMS	-	HS.125-3B	RTZ	

Wednesday 27th June 1979 [MC 10/79]

XW411	16	JP T.5A	RAFC	
WB534	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX174:174 XX224:224 XX239:239 4 FTS visited Coltishall. Hawk T.1 XX176:176 4 FTS PD Newcastle.				

Thursday 28th June 1979 [HO]

		Hercules C.1	LTW	
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Friday 29th June 1979 [MC 9/79 & 10/79]

G-BNNH	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	From Halfpenny Green
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WB533	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
XW789	-	HS.125 CC.1	32 Sqn	
XW328	22	JP T.5A	RAFC	

July 1979 [AIR 28/2310]

Station Flight handled 114 movements including. VIP. Hunters still detached at Coltishall whilst runway 14/32 was closed. Hawks used 02/20.				
Based noted: Hunter T.7 4 FTS all delivered in July to 237 OCU, Honington. XL621:81 XL591:82 XL600:83				

Monday 2nd July 1979 [HO]

		F-111		08:30
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL567:84 4 FTS visited Honington.				

Tuesday 3rd July 1979 [MC 10/79][HO][AIR 27/3549]

XS643	643	Andover C.1	[241 OCU]	
		6x Scout AH.1	/AAC	
		2x F-111		
		2x F-4		
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XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Scrambled to a crashed Jet Provost 10nms E of Lancaster, pilot was dead on arrival at the scene. This was JP T.5A XW371:59 7 FTS [F/L Thomas Durk Bayliff buried Kirkby Wharfe, N Yorkshire]				

Wednesday 4th July 1979 [HE][HO][AIR 27/3549]

XW852	A	Gazelle HT.3*	CFS	
XW858	C	Gazelle HT.3*	CFS	
XW898	G	Gazelle HT.3*	CFS	
XW906	J	Gazelle HT.3*	CFS	
XW910	K	Gazelle HT.3*	CFS	
XX374	L	Gazelle HT.3*	CFS	
XZ930	Q	Gazelle HT.3*	CFS	
*The Gazelles were on a Mountain Flying Detachment.				
XX412	Y	Gazelle AH.1	3 CBAS	
XX434	-	Gazelle AH.1	3 CBAS	
XW353	51	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
XW419	65	JP T.5A	7 FTS	
XP547	03	JP T.4	1 TWU	N/stop
XT458	P	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
XS499	T	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
XX265	140	Hawk T.1	1 TWU	

Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn exercise with Rhyl Lifeboat.				
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Thursday 5th July 1979 [HE][HO][AIR 27/3549]

77-0194	WR	A-10A	/81 TFW	
77-0266	WR	A-10A	/81 TFW	
XP825	-	Beaver AL.1	7 Rgt/AAC	
XS514	L	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
XT472	M	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
XT670	AU	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
		2x F-111	TFW	PD 08:45
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XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Hawk birdstrike, aircraft diverted to Llanbedr.				
XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
2 boys missing off Hell's Mouth, found safe.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 4 FTS diverted to Llanbedr with a birdstrike, see above. Hawk T.1 4 FTS no nose code carried. XX172 XX175 XX179 XX237 XX249 XX250 Wessex HAR.2 C Flt/22 Sqn XR497 XR501 Chipmunk T.10 2 AEF ATC Air experience flying. WP920:10 WD373:12				

Friday 6th July 1979 [MC 10/79][HE][HO]

68-0056	UH[r]	F-111E	77 TFS/20 TFW	16:00
XM923	-	Wessex HAS.3	737 NAS	Low viz scheme
Based noted: Whirlwind HAR.10 2[A]FTS Detachment XP331:G XP333:T XD163:X				

Saturday 7th July 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn displayed at Llanrwst.				

Sunday 8th July 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
2 men winched off a cabin cruiser off Amlwch at night.				

Tuesday 10th July 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Report of people in distress on Crib Goch, nothing found.				

XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
1 youth flown from Crib Goch to Pen-y-Pass.				

Wednesday 11th July 1979 [MC 10/79][HO]

XW335	27	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW289	31	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XX191	106	Hawk T.1A	234 Sqn/1 TWU	
136---		CH-136	444 Sqn	Canadian AF
136---		CH-136	444 Sqn	Canadian AF
The following CH-136's visited Oakington between 6-11.7, possibly one of these: 136224 136225 136226 136227 136231				
[XW216]	CL	Puma HC.1	33 Sqn	

Thursday 12th July 1979 [MC 10/79][HO]

VP958	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
XR524	AF	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
G-AWMS	-	HS.125-3B	RTZ	

Friday 13th July 1979 [HO]

77-0193	WR	A-10A	/81 TFW	
80-0597	WR	A-10A	/81 TFW	

Saturday 14th July 1979 [HO][AIR 27/3549]

RAF Valley 4 FTS Block Leave, closed to normal flying 14.7-29.7.79. RAF Valley remained a MDA [Master Diversion Airfield] Numerous F-111's & A-10's were seen over this period [HO]				
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XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Injured climber with a broken ankle flown from Clogwyn to Bangor Hospital.				
Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn displayed at Ellesmere Port.				

Sunday 15th July 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
CASEVAC from HMS Crichton to Denbigh.				

Monday 16th July 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
CASEVAC from HMS Beagle to Bangor Hospital.				

Tuesday 17th July 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
CASEVAC from trawler off Barrow-in-Furness to Barrow Hospital.				
Based noted:				

Hawk T.1 XX250:250 4 FTS visited Coltishall & Manston, PD's ?.
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Wednesday 18th July 1979 [MC 10/79][HO][AIR 27/3549]

77-0261	WR	A-10A	/81 TFW	
77-0262	WR	A-10A	/81 TFW	
XW226	DK	Puma HC.1	230 Sqn	
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XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
3 persons cut off by the tide at Red Wharf Bay, rescued by boat.				
Based noted: Hunter T.7 WV372:85 XL566:86 XL601:88 4 FTS visited Kinloss.				

Thursday 19th July 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Report of crashed helicopter near Conwy, no action required.				

Friday 20th July 1979 [HO]

	WR	2x A-10	/81 TFW	
XT671	AD	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	

Saturday 21st July 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Injured climber flown from Cromlech to Bangor Hospital.				
Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn exercise with Moelfre Lifeboat.				

Sunday 22nd July 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Red flares sighted off Cemaes Bay, small boat towed in by another.				

Monday 23rd July 1979 [AIR 24/3278]

111 Sqn conducted their MPC from Coningsby due to the runway re-surfacing at Valley.				
Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn exercise with Conwy Lifeboat.				

Wednesday 25th July 1979 [MC 10/79][HO][AIR 27/3549]

XW289	31	JP T.5A	RAFC	
[XW295]	67	JP T.5A	[1 FTS]	
[XT475]	W-N:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
XS509	W-P:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
XS486	W-W:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
[XT479]	W-X:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
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XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Capsized dinghy off Port Iago with 2 occupants, taken under tow by a boat.				

Thursday 26th July 1979 [MC 10/79]

G-BBNG	-	B206B Jetranger	Private	
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Sunday 29th July 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XS514	L	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
XT448	S	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
Routed: Valley-Aldergrove-Prestwick.				
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XV720	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Girl missing from a boat off Blackpool, body found on the beach.				

Monday 30th July 1979 [AIR 27/3549][MB]

XT458	P	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
Routed: Aldergrove-Ronaldsway, IoM-Valley.				
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XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
2 boys missing in a boat off Moelfre flown to Bangor Hospital.				
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL613:91 4 FTS delivered to 237 OCU, Honington, quoted as 31.7 on the F78. [XL613 subsequently served with 237 OCU, Laarbruch Station Flight, Institute of Aviation Medicine & 208 Sqn. It was sold 15.12.93 to Air Spares UK. Then registered 26.4.94 as G-BVMB to Barry Pover [Plymouth] then to Hunter Aviation Ltd [St Helier, Jersey] 14.7.94 The registration was cancelled 7.3.02 and the aircraft exported to Thunder City, South Africa. Initially registered as ZS-CWD but this was not taken up and it was registered as ZS-LEE 23.5.03 After the fatal crash of Lightning T.5 XS421 at Overberg on 14.11.09 the Thunder City collection was temporarily grounded. Although some of the collection flew again XL613 did not. After the death of the Thunder City founder, Mike Beachy-Head the collection closed down. XL613 eventually resurfaced on display near Stellenbosch]				

Tuesday 31st July 1979 [HO][AIR 27/3549]

	SP	F-4D	/52 TFW	
		Harrier T.4	233 OCU	
XV753	C	Harrier GR.3	233 OCU	
XV760	F	Harrier GR.3	233 OCU	
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XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Capsized boat off Llanbedr, 1 man flown to Llanbedr Medical Centre.				

August 1979 [TR]

Based noted:				
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At the 19 holding point Hawk T.1 XX166:166 4 FTS. [Tudor Rowlands]
This aircraft was subsequently lost on 24.6.83 when it crashed into high ground at Clagh Our, North Barrule, Isle of Man at approx 10:30 killing both pilots. It was en-route to Lossiemouth, 3rd aircraft, the first 2 having weather aborted out of the valley.



Hawk T.1 XX172:- 4 FTS just about to depart on Runway 19.
In the background are the old 22 Sqn buildings prior to the move across the runway to the South side adjacent to the 3 Sqn flightline. [Tudor Rowlands]

Wednesday 1st August 1979 [MC 10/79][HO][AIR 27/3549]

	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
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XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/O Bendy
Capsized canoe in Benllech Bay, 1 man winched to the beach.				

Thursday 2nd August 1979 [HE][MC 10/79][HO][AIR 27/3549]

XL593	09	Hunter T.7	2 TWU	'B82'
XX186	186	Hawk T.1A	234 Sqn/1 TWU	'K157'
XW327	62	JP T.5A	1 FTS	
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XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Fallen climber flown from Abersoch to Bangor Hospital.				

Friday 3rd August 1979 [HE][MC 10/79 & 12/79][HO][@MAR 05/22][AIR 27/3549]

XJ324	-	Sea Devon C.20	781 NAS	'NAVY324'
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G-BNNH	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	From Halfpenny Green
G-BGCO	-	PA-44 Seminole 180	BAe	
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX230:230 & XX239:239 4 FTS Yeovilton Airshow. Hawk T.1 XX161:161 XX165:165 XX174:174 XX184:184 XX241:241 all visited Binbrook. This was the 25th Anniversary of the Lightning Airshow at Binbrook. Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn detachment to IoM 3-6.8 to work with IoM SAR services.				

Saturday 4th August 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/O Bendy
Fallen school girl on Tryfan flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Sunday 5th August 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/O Bendy
Capsized boat off Trearddur Bay plus man overboard off Colwyn Bay, not required.				
XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Drifting dinghy off Trearddur Bay, not required.				

Monday 6th August 1979 [MC 10/79][MG][FG][MB]

XK896	-	Sea Devon C.20	781 NAS	'NAVY710'
XF967	-	Hunter T.8B	237 OCU	'D07' see below
XM923	-	Wessex HAS.3	737 NAS	
		Wessex HC.2	18 Sqn	'CG61'
XT671	AD	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	'ALF12'
XX228	228	Hawk T.1A	63 Sqn/2 TWU	
Based noted: Hawk T.1 4 FTS XX161 XX163 XX164 XX165 XX168 XX171 XX173 XX176 XX177 XX179 XX181 XX182 XX183 XX184 XX224 XX236 XX237 XX239 XX242 XX244 XX249 XX250 Hunter T.7 XL609:80 4 FTS delivered to 237 OCU, Honington [F78 says 7.8] Hunter T.8B XF967 237 OCU crew ferry for XL609. [XL609 subsequently served with 237 OCU, 216 Sqn & 12 Sqn. It was then allocated 8866M for battle damage repair duties at Lossiemouth. At some stage it was scrapped with the nose section being preserved with South Yorkshire Air Museum at Firbeck in 1997 then to Boscombe Down Museum in 2001 then to Yarmouth [IoW] 2005 and Cockpitmania [South Malton, Devon] 28.12.11 then to Lakes Lightnings at Spark Bridge] Wessex HAR.2 C Flt/22 Sqn XR497 XR501 Whirlwind HAR.10 2[A]FTS XD163:X XP333:G Chipmunk T.10 ATC Summer Camp. WP920:10 WD373:12				

Tuesday 7th August 1979 [HE][MC 10/79][HO][FG]

G-AWMS	-	HS.125-3B	RTZ	To Heathrow
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G-BFAN	-	HS.125-F600B	BAe	To Dunsfold
G-ANRF	-	Tiger Moth	Private	
G-AIYR	-	DH Rapide	Private	
WB534	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	[or WB533]
G-AZGG	-	King Air C90	Private	
XX197	197	Hawk T.1A	234 Sqn/1 TWU	
		Hawk T.1A	234 Sqn/1 TWU	
XW430	58	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
Based noted: Hawk T.1 4 FTS XX166 XX169 XX170 XX174 XX178 XX185 XX223 XX225 XX226 Hunter F.6 4 FTS XF527:70 Hunter T.7 4 FTS WV372:85 XL566:86 XL597:87				

Wednesday 8th August 1979 [HE][MC 10/79][HO][FG]

50+99	-	C-160D	LTG-63	Diverted to Warton, WGAF
WT509	-	Canberra PR.7	13 Sqn	[or 39 Sqn]
XW333	36	JP T.5A	RAF C	
XR520	AB	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	[or XV719:AA]
XR517	AN	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	[or XV726:AJ]
68-10364	-	HH-53C	67 ARRS	'JOLLY71 or 66'
Based noted: Hawk T.1 4 FTS XX172 XX223 XX231				

Thursday 9th August 1979 [MC 10/79][HO][MG][AIR 27/3549][FG]

XR520	AB	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
73-0711	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	PD 'TRUST55' or 'TRUSS55'
G-AIYR	-	DH.89A Rapide	Private	
		JP T.5		
68-10364	-	HH-53C	67 ARRS	
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XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Child swept away at Prestatyn, no action required.				
XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/O Bendy
Missing boat at Moelfre, boat found by Coastguard at Beaumaris.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 4 FTS XX175 XX241				

Friday 10th August 1979 [HE][MC 10/79][HO][FG]

68-10364	-	HH-53C*	67 ARRS	'JOLLY66'
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69-5785	-	HH-53C*	67 ARRS	'JOLLY66'
*One approach plus a flypast on Runway 20 before departing.				
G-BENE	-	Cessna 402B	Private	
Based noted: Hawk T.1 4 FTS XX180 XX232 XX234 XX240 Hunter T.7 4 FTS XL573:97 Hunter T.7 XL567:84 XL601:88 4 FTS visited Wildenrath.				

Saturday 11th August 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn exercise with Holyhead Lifeboat.				

Sunday 12th August 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Walker suffering from an epileptic fit on the Garn. 2 members of the MRT flown up to walk the casualty down.				

Monday 13th August 1979 [MC 9/79][HO][AIR 28/2310]

XW799	-	Scout AH.1	AAC Netheravon	'AA702' to Staverton
[XW363]	68	JP T.5A	[1 FTS]	
70-2368	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	PD 11:20
71-0888	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	PD 12:05
74-0182	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	PD 10:50
XS499	T	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	'C45'
	-	Alouette AH.	/AAC	
		Whirlwind HAR.10	SARTS	F/L D'Arcy
SAR winching display at Rhyl.				

Tuesday 14th August 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Drowning girl in Trearddur Bay flown to Medical Centre.				

Wednesday 15th August 1979 [HE][MC 10/79][HO][AIR 28/2310][AIR 27/3549]

1 st Sky Flash missile firing by a Phantom FGR.2 which destroyed Meteor D.16 WH320:N.				
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WH320 is seen here in the early 60's at Llanbedr. [Tudor Rowlands Collection]

Did the Phantom visit Valley though ?

XS641	641	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	
VP955	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
XW324	U	JP T.5B	6 FTS	
XW309	V	JP T.5B	6 FTS	
XW415	53	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	Dep 16.8
XW407	58	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	Dep 16.8
68-0052	UH[y]	F-111E	79 TFS/20 TFW	
XX390	A	Gazelle AH.1	3 CBAS	'MARINES497'
G-BBOH	-	Pitts S-1S	Marlboro	Anglesey Show Display
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XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/O Bendy
Fallen walker flown from Tryfan to Bangor Hospital.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX224:224 4 FTS St Mawgan Airshow. Whirlwind HAR.10 SARTS displayed at Porthcawl.				

Thursday 16th August 1979 [HE][MC 10/79][HO]

XW843	-	Gazelle AH.1*	655 Sqn/AAC	
XZ344	-	Gazelle AH.1*	655 Sqn/AAC	
XZ346	-	Gazelle AH.1*	655 Sqn/AAC	
XZ347	-	Gazelle AH.1*	655 Sqn/AAC	
*From & to Netheravon.				
XW213	CK	Puma HC.1	33 Sqn	
XT669	AT	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
WB534	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
XS456	T	Lightning T.5	LTF	Departed 15:45

Friday 17th August 1979 [HE]

Runway 14/32 back in use, see 4.6.79				
G-AYPC	-	Beech 70 Queen Air	Private	
XV220	220	Hercules C.1	LTW	

XA880	-	Devon C.2	RAE Llanbedr	
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XP737	N	Lightning F.3	11 Sqn	
Port undercarriage failed to lower completely; controlled ejection carried out over the Irish Sea, 5nms W of Valley. Pilot was picked up by Wessex HAR.2 XR501 22 Sqn [F/L McGuire] The Lightning was inbound for the Airshow static display.				
Pilot	F/O	Ray T Knowles	Ejected at 9,000ft, ok.	
				
[Ken Richards]				

Saturday 18th August 1979 [HE][MC 10/79][KR]

RAF Valley Air Show

A Mosquito & Tornado from BAe were due to participate but were cancelled due to Industrial action.



[Steve Kelly]

Static: *Hangar display

XX657	U	Bulldog T.1	Cambridge UAS	
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[Ken Richards]

WP920	10	Chipmunk T.10	2 AEF	
XS738	U	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XZ933	T	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XR534	65	Gnat T.1	Ex. 4 FTS	Gate guard
XV778	16	Harrier GR.3	1 Sqn	



[Tudor Rowlands]

XX220	220	Hawk T.1A	63 Sqn/1 TWU	
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Based noted:
Hawk T.1 4 FTS
XX234:234



[Ken Richards]



With the original 4 FTS badge on the fin.

[Tudor Rowlands]

Plus following in Gaydon Hangar:

XX162 XX166 XX172 XX179 XX180 XX223 XX232 XX233 XX235 XX240 XX243 XX245

All carrying last three as codes.

Hunter F.6 4 FTS

XF526:78



[Ken Richards]



[via Fergal Goodman]
Hunter T.7 4 FTS



XL566:86 XL573:97* [Ken Richards]



[via Fergal Goodman]

XX496	D	Jetstream T.1	6 FTS/METS	
 [Ken Richards]				
XW304	X	JP T.5B	6 FTS	
 [Tudor Rowlands]				
WK800	Z	Meteor D.16	RAE Llanbedr	



[Stephen Wolf]



With Phantom FG.1 XV592:L 111 Sqn behind.

[Lindsay Peacock]

XV592	L	Phantom FG.1	111 Sqn	
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[Tudor Rowlands]

XE874	61	Vampire T.11*	Gate guard	
XP331	T	Whirlwind HAR.10	CFS	



[Ken Richards]

XP771	-	Beaver AL.1	7 Rgt/AAC	
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[Ken Richards]				
XR632	-	Scout AH.1	652 Sqn/AAC	Dropped a red Mini!



[Ken Richards]

68-0057	UH[b]	F-111E	55 TFS/20 TFW	
				
[Tudor Rowlands]				
G-BCTU	-	Cessna FRA150M	Civil	Mona Flying Club

Flightlines:				
WD373	12	Chipmunk T.10	2 AEF	Hunter Hangar
VP955	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
VP958	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
VP976	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	BBMF Support

Based noted:

Hawk T.1 4 FTS *flew in a 20-ship formation.

XX161 XX163 XX164* XX165 XX168* XX169* XX170* XX171 XX173* XX174 XX176 XX177*
 XX178* XX182* XX183* XX184* XX185* XX225* XX226 XX231 XX236* XX237* XX239*
 XX241* XX242* XX244* XX249* XX250*



[Stephen Wolf]

Hunter F.6 4 FTS

XF527:70* XF383:72* * flew in mass formation.



[Stephen Wolf]



[via Fergal Goodman]

Hunter T.7 4 FTS

XL597:87* XL601:88* *flew in the mass formation.



[Peter R Foster]

Wessex HAR.2 C Flt/22 Sqn

XR497* XR501 *flew.

Gnat T.1 CFS/Red Arrows

XS101:1 XR955:2 XR540:4 XR991:5 XR572:6 XR993:8 XP514:9 XR987:10 XS107:-

XV293	293	Hercules C.1	LTW	Red Arrows support
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[Ken Richards]

XV305	305	Hercules C.1	LTW	Falcons support
PZ865	JU-Q	Hurricane IIC	BBMF	
XX766	14	Jaguar GR.1	226 OCU	
XX763	24	Jaguar GR.1	226 OCU	
XW352	R	JP T.5B	6 FTS	
PA474	KM-B	Lancaster B.I	BBMF	



[Ken Richards]

WF791	-	Meteor T.7	CFS	Vintage Pair
PM631	AD-C	Spitfire PR.XIX	BBMF	
XH304	-	Vampire T.11	CFS	Vintage Pair
G-BNEA	-	BN2A Islander	NEA	
G-NDNI	-	NDN-1 Firecracker	Private	



[Ken Richards]

G-TROT	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	
G-TAXI	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	
G-ANRF	-	DH.82A Tiger Moth	D Cyster	
G-AIYR	-	DH.89A Rapide	D Cyster	
EI-AVC	-	Cessna F337F	Private	
EI-BGH	-	Cessna F172N	Private	
EI-BGP	-	Cessna 414A	Private	
G-BEFF	-	PA-28 Cherokee 140	Private	
G-AVLN	-	Beagle B121 Pup 2	Private	
G-ANTE	-	DH.82A Tiger Moth	Private	
G-AWPU	-	Cessna F150J	Private	
G-ARMP	-	Cessna F172B	Private	
G-AVEH	-	S.205-20R	Private	
G-AYTP	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	
G-BACD	-	Cessna FRA150L	Private	
G-BBTH	-	Cessna F172M	Private	
G-BBGG	-	AA-5 Traveller	Private	
G-BFVG	-	PA-28 Cherokee 181	Private	
G-BCHK	-	Cessna F172H	Private	
WJ943	[R]	Varsity T.1	Fire dump	Remains

Monday 20th August 1979 [Pprune snakecharmer Father's logbook*]

XA880	-	Devon C.2*	RAE Llanbedr	From & to Llanbedr
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Tuesday 21st August 1979 [HE][MC 10/79][HO][AIR 28/2310][AIR 27/3549]

XA880	-	Devon C.2	RAE Llanbedr	
XW432	60	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
XM425	88	JP T.3A	7 FTS	
XZ382	AE	Jaguar GR.1	14 Sqn	
XX767	AN	Jaguar GR.1	14 Sqn	
XW206	CC	Puma HC.1	33 Sqn	

XW213	CK	Puma HC.1	33 Sqn	
XS606	-	Andover C.1	ETPS	
G-BEAG	-	PA-34 Seneca 200T	Private	Dep 22.8
G-ATMW	-	PA-28 Cherokee 140	Private	
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XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Miscarried female flown from Porthdinllaen to Bangor Hospital.				
Based noted: Whirlwind HAR.10 SARTS visited Brawdy & Chivenor [F/L Turner]				

Wednesday 22nd August 1979 [HE][MC 10/79][HO][AIR 27/3549]

58+43	-	Do.28D-2	AKG-52	WGAF
XX842	T	Jaguar T.2	41 Sqn	
XW902	H	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XZ333	-	Gazelle AH.1	/AAC	'AAC316'
XW788	-	HS.125 CC.1	32 Sqn	
XW415	53	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
[XW421]	68	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
G-BEWY	-	B206B Jetranger	Private	
G-BDWN	-	Alouette II	Heli Films Ltd	
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XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
2 people spotted motionless at Glaslyn, both bodies flown to Nant Peris.				
XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Boy with head injuries flown from the Llyn Peninsula to Bangor Hospital.				

Thursday 23rd August 1979 [MC 10/79][HO][AIR 27/3549]

XX842	T	Jaguar T.2	41 Sqn	
G-ASMG	-	DH.104 Dove 8	BAe	
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XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Boy fallen down a cliff at Llanbedrog flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Friday 24th August 1979 [HE][MC 10/79][HO]

XS610	610	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	
G-BEAG	-	PA-34 Seneca 200T	Private	Dep 25.8

Saturday 25th August 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
3 boys adrift off the Llyn Peninsula, taken under tow by a boat.				
Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn exercise with Beaumaris Lifeboat.				

Sunday 26th August 1979

Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX163 CFS/4 FTS displayed at Leicester East Airshow.				

Monday 27th August 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Fallen walker on the Great Orme flown to Llandudno Hospital.				
XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Fallen climber flown from Crib-y-Ddysgl to Bangor Hospital.				

Tuesday 28th August 1979 [HE][MC 12/79][HO]

69-5784	-	HH-53C*	67 ARRS	
68-10364	-	HH-53C*	67 ARRS	
*The 2 HH-53's were involved in a shuttle taking supplies & materials to Bardsey Island. One of the pilots was Capt John McCartney.				
XR525	AG	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
G-OJCB	-	B206 Jetranger	Private	

Wednesday 29th August 1979 [HE][MC 12/79][HO][AIR 27/3549]

XS640	640	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	
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XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Drowning man reported in Llyn Traffwll, nothing found.				
XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Missing canoeist in Cable Bay, found safe.				

Thursday 30th August 1979 [HE][MC 12/79 & 1/80][HO][MB]

XS516	Q	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	'NAVY YQ'
XT455	R	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	'NAVY YR'
XR499	AW	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	'C70'
VP968	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
XL609	80	Hunter T.7	237 OCU	



XL609 was delivered to 237 OCU from Valley on 7.8 [Peter R Foster]

		2x Jaguar		'Blue' airfield attack
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XV661	303:PW	Sea King HAS.2A*	819 NAS	
XV658	304:PW	Sea King HAS.2A*	819 NAS	
XV643	305:PW	Sea King HAS.2A*	819 NAS	
*Dublin-Prestwick with Lord Mountbatten's coffin.				
G-BNNH	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	From & to Halfpenny Green

Friday 31st August 1979 [HE][MC 12/79][HO][AIR 27/3549]

XW298	O	JP T.5B	6 FTS	
XX252	-	Hawk T.1	Red Arrows	'L08' First Hawk visit.
68-0030	UH[y]	F-111E	79 TFS/20 TFW	PD 'LAY15 FLIGHT'
68-0032	UH[y]	F-111E	79 TFS/20 TFW	PD 'LAY15 FLIGHT'
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XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/O Bendy
Fallen climber flown from Devil's Kitchen to Bangor Hospital.				

September 1979 [AIR 28/2310]

Station Flight handled ? movements including ? VIP. Final month of the Hunter with 3 Sqn/4 FTS.				
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Saturday 1st September 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Sinking vessel off Dublin, 4 men winched off & flown to Dublin Airport.				

Sunday 2nd September 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Capsized boat off Rhosneigr, not required.				

Tuesday 4th September 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Fallen walker flown from Snowdon to Bangor Hospital.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX223 4 FTS PD Lyneham.				

Wednesday 5th September 1979 [MC 12/79][GJ][HO]

XS640	640	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	
XW358	18	JP T.5A	RAFC	



[Glyn Jones]

WL635	-	Varsity T.1	RAE	
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[Both: Glyn Jones]

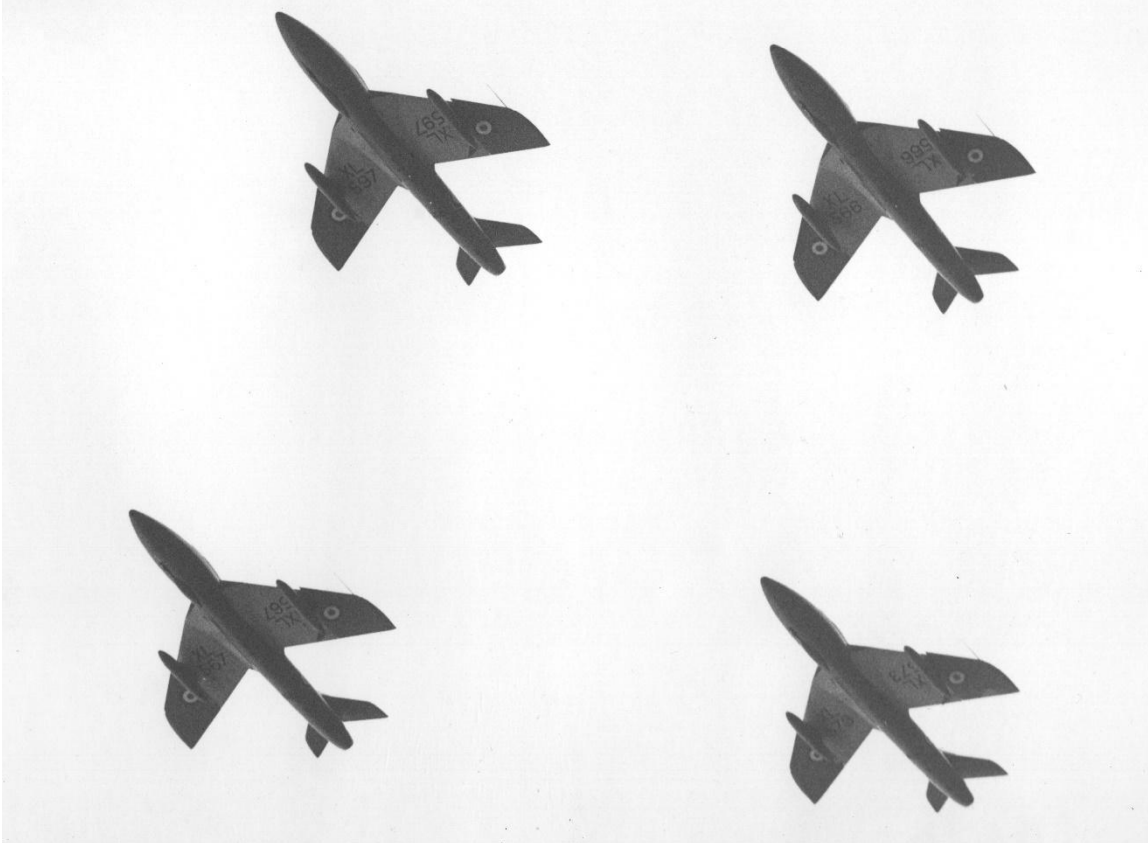
Thursday 6th September 1979 [HO]

		Tornado	RAE	08:45
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX175 4 FTS visited Finningley.				

Friday 7th September 1979 [MC 12/79][HO]

XX979	[-]	Jaguar GR.1	[BAe/A&AEE]	
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Based noted:



Hunter T.7 Retirement Flypast.
XL597:87 XL566:86 XL567:84 XL573:97
[Both: Dick Thomas Collection]

Saturday 8th September 1979 [ABN1979]

Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX184:184 XX233:233 4 FTS Finningley Airshow.				

Sunday 9th September 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
2 injured walkers flown from Tryfan to Bangor Hospital.				

Monday 10th September 1979 [MC 12/79][HO][GP]

XW364	35	JP T.5A	RAF C	
XS770	-	Basset CC.1	A&AEE	
G-AZLV	-	Cessna 172K	Private	
	WR	2x A-10A	/81 TFW	

Tuesday 11th September 1979 [MC 12/79][HO][GP]

68-0073	UH[y]	F-111E	79 TFS/20 TFW	
G-AWMS	-	HS.125-3B	RTZ	
G-BFON	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	

Wednesday 12th September 1979 [MC 12/79]

68-0039	UH[b]	F-111E	55 TFS/20 TFW	PD 14:35
G-BFAN	-	HS.125-600B	BAe	
XW870	F	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XW898	G	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XW902	H	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XZ930	Q	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XZ931	R	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XZ933	T	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX161 CFS/4 FTS visited Abingdon.				

Thursday 13th September 1979 [MC 12/79][HO][AIR 27/3549]

XJ823	-	Vulcan B.2	27 Sqn	
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XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Search for missing woman at Trearddur Bay, no action required.				

Friday 14th September 1979 [MC 12/79]

XX248	248	Hawk T.1A	63 Sqn/2 TWU	
XX281	281	Hawk T.1A	63 Sqn/2 TWU	
A-008	-	A-35XD Draken*	Esk 725	'DAF36240' Danish AF
AT-156	-	SK-35XD Draken*	Esk 725	
*To Jurby Range, Isle of Man.				

Saturday 15th September 1979 [HE][MC 12/79][HO][AIR 27/3549]

XX251	-	Hawk T.1	Red Arrows	
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[Glyn Jones]

XX279	279	Hawk T.1A	1 TWU	
XX280	280	Hawk T.1A	1 TWU	
XX281	281	Hawk T.1A	1 TWU	
WT804	831:VL	Hunter GA.11	FRADU	Blue Herons
XE682	835:VL	Hunter GA.11	FRADU	Blue Herons
WV267	836:VL	Hunter GA.11	FRADU	Blue Herons
XF977	865:VL	Hunter GA.11	FRADU	Blue Herons

Gnat T.1 CFS/Red Arrows last Red Arrows Display with the Gnat.

XP514:9 XP535:7 XR540:4 XR572:6 XR955:2 XR987:10 XR991:5 XR993:8 XS101:1 XS107

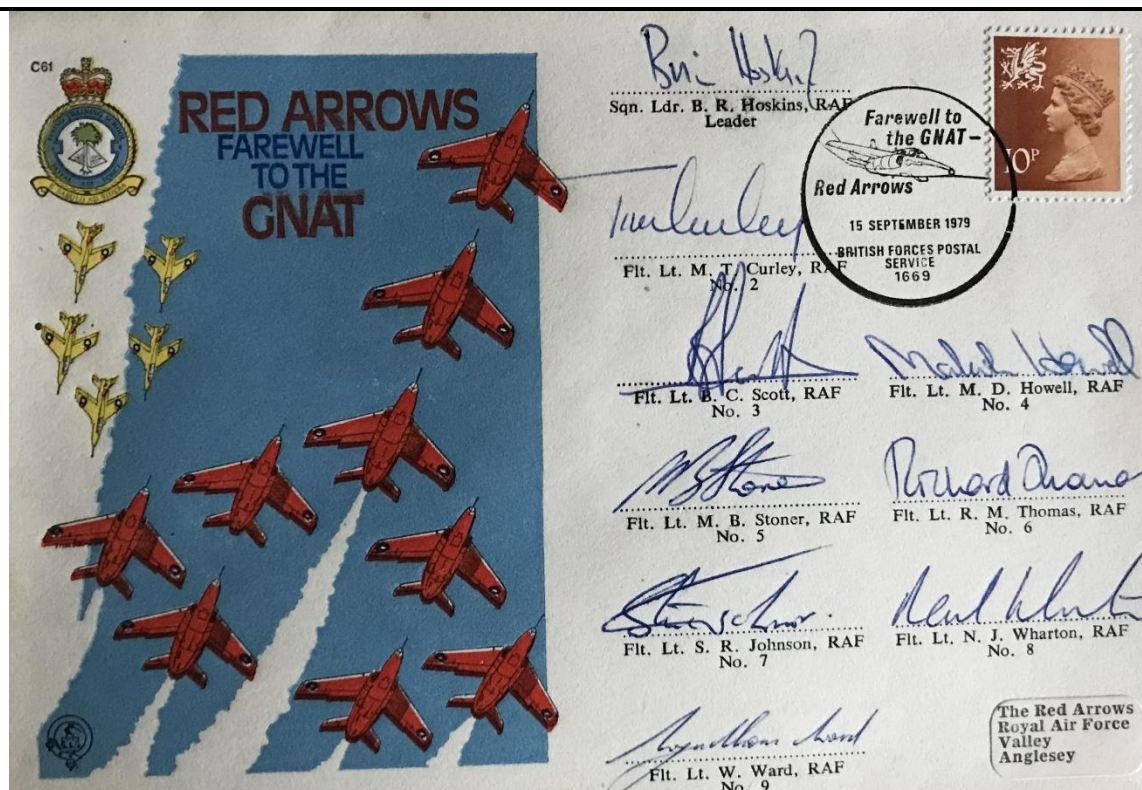




[Both: Tudor Rowlands]



Looking across towards Runway 19/20
[Dick Thomas Collection]



First Day Cover for the final display.

This was the 1,293 performance by the Red Arrows with the Gnat.

[Dick Thomas Collection]

XT273	-	Buccaneer S.2	237 OCU	
XZ133	A	Harrier GR.3	233 OCU	
XV203	203	Hercules C.1	LTW	
XX762	28	Jaguar GR.1	226 OCU	
G-AIYR	-	Dragon Rapide	Private	
EI-AWY	-	Mitsubishi MU.2	Private	
N10476	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	
G-FOTO	-	PA-23 Aztec 250	Private	Photoship, Arthur Gibson
	-	Sea King HAR.3	22 Sqn	
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XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/O Bendy
Injured walker flown from Tryfan to Bangor Hospital.				
Based noted:				
Hawk T.1 XX180:180 & XX250:250 4 FTS attended Abingdon Airshow.				
Hawk T.1 XX243:243 4 FTS St Athan Airshow.				
Hawk T.1 XX250 4 FTS Lyneham Families Day.				

Sunday 16th September 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
3 boys adrift in a rubber dinghy off Lligwy Bay, no action required.				

Monday 17th September 1979 [MC 12/79][HO][AIR 27/3549][MB]

XX255	255	Hawk T.1A	1 TWU	
XX281	281	Hawk T.1A	1 TWU	
WZ872		Chipmunk T.10		
XM464	23	JP T.3A	1 FTS	'N56'
XM923	-	Wessex HAS.3	737 NAS	'NAVY405'
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XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Fallen climber on the Idwal Slabs, unable to rescue due to downdraughts.				
Based noted: Hunter F.6 XF383:72 4 FTS delivered to 5 MU Kemble for long term storage. [XF383 subsequently served with 216 & 12 Sqn before becoming a battle damage repair aircraft as 8706M at Wittering. It's nose section was preserved by Julian Mitchell] Hunter T.7 XL573:97 4 FTS delivered to 5 MU store, Kemble. [XL573 subsequently served with 237 OCU, 12 Sqn, IoAM before being sold to Air Spares 2.12.93 It was then registered as G-BVGH to Barry Pover [Plymouth] and then to Dat Enterprises Ltd [Robertsbridge] 13.3.00 Then to Global Aviation Services [Ruthin] 6.8.03 then to David Davidson [Tangmere] 30.6.10 then to Mark Stott [Exeter] 8.6.11 then in 2011 to the Midair Squadron which operated the aircraft until 2015. It was then acquired by GJD Services which operated it until 2018. It was then relocated to the South Wales Aviation Museum, the registration was permanently cancelled 30.5.23] Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn exercise with Barrow/Fleetwood/Morecambe Lifeboats.				

Tuesday 18th September 1979 [GJ][MC 12/79][HO][AIR 27/3549][MB]

EI-AWY	-	Mitsubishi MU-2B	Private	
				
[Glyn Jones]				
XN547	48	JP T.3A	1 FTS	
XS516	Q	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	'NAVY YQ'
G-BITC	-	PA-60 Aerostar 601P	Private	
G-BGEO	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	
G-AZLV	-	Cessna 172	Private	
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XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Search of Snowdon after shouts & whistles heard, nothing found.				
Based noted:				

Hunter F.6 XF526:78 4 FTS delivered to 5 MU Kemble for long term storage.
 [XF526 subsequently served with Laarbruch Station Flight before becoming 8679M and allocated for ground instruction at 1 SoTT, Halton 9.11.81 At some point it was purchased by Graham Revill who relocated it to his Farm in Birlingham, Worcestershire with a few other airframes. In poor state it was acquired by the Aircraft Restoration Group based at Fishburn Airfield, Durham in October 2024]

Hunter T.7 XL597:87 4 FTS delivered to 5 MU store, Kemble.
 [XL597 subsequently served with 237 OCU but was lost 29.5.80 when it crashed 1nm South of Little Saxham near Bury St Edmunds, this was due to a power loss due to a fuel system fault at low level. Both crew ejected safely. The F78 says 237 OCU but other sources say 216 Sqn]

Wednesday 19th September 1979 [MC 12/79][HO][MG]

XZ282	82	Nimrod MR.1	St Mawgan Wg	PD 14 'DWD24'
ZA101	-	Hawk 100	BAe	G-HAWK
	-	Whirlwind HAR.10		'KMF95'

Based noted:
 Hunter T.7 XL566:86 4 FTS delivered to 5 MU store, Kemble.
 [XL566 subsequently served with Laarbruch Station Flight and then transferred to the RN. It departed Shawbury storage 8.10.86 for 431 MU, Bruggen. It was reduced to spares & produce at Bruggen in 1995]

Thursday 20th September 1979 [MC 12/79][HO]

XZ571	140:B	Sea King HAS.2	826 NAS	HMS Bulwark
XV699	143:B	Sea King HAS.2A	826 NAS	HMS Bulwark
XL618	05	Hunter T.7	2 TWU	'KVR74'
XT472	M	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
XW336	6	JP T.5A	RAFC	
	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	PD 'JAZZ22'
	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	PD 'JAZZ33'

Based noted:
 Hawk T.1 XX224 4 FTS visited Linton on Ouse.

Friday 21st September 1979 [MC 12/79][HO][MB]

XR523	AM	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XW416	19	JP T.5A	RAFC	

Based noted:
 Hunter F.6 XF527:70 4 FTS delivered to 5 MU Kemble for long term storage.
 [XF527 then went to Laarbruch Station Flight before becoming 8680M and allocated to 1 SoTT, Halton 2.11.81 for ground instruction. It was then placed on the Gate at Halton in 1986 and still resides there]



XF527 is seen here at Halton 6.84 [Fergal Goodman]

Saturday 22nd September 1979 [AIR 28/2310]

		Whirlwind HAR.10	SARTS	
SAR display at Speke Carnival, Liverpool.				

Monday 24th September 1979 [GJ][MC 12/79][HO][AIR 24/3278][MB]

13 QWI Course, 228 OCU [3 aircraft] arrived PM from Coningsby for their MPC. 228 OCU MPC 24-26.9 no sorties flown due to bad weather. *Liaison visit to discuss the LTF's forthcoming MPC in November.				
XV424	-	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	MPC
Alcock & Brown special scheme.				
		Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	MPC
		Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	MPC
XS416	V	Lightning T.5*	LTF	STCAAME, OC LTF
XL427	-	Vulcan B.2	9 Sqn	PD 'D93'
XX497	E	Jetstream T.1	METS	
68-0012	UH[y]	F-111E	79 TFS/20 TFW	PD 'YANKEE21'
74-0185	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	
69-5797	-	HH-53C	67 ARRS	
	I	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
XS492	B	Wessex HU.5	2[A]FTS	
XS510	E	Wessex HU.5	2[A]FTS	
XS512	W-T:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
XT483	W-U:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
XS486	W-W:VL	Wessex HU.5	707 NAS	
		3x JP		
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL567:84 4 FTS delivered to 5 MU store, Kemble. [XL567 subsequently served with Laarbruch Station Flight before becoming 8723M. It was				

then taken by road to Chivenor 23.7.82 for ground instruction. It later went to Classic Jets at Exeter and then to Bournemouth]

Hunter F.6 XF386:75 4 FTS delivered to 5 MU store Kemble for long term storage.
[XF386 subsequently served with Laarbruch Station Flight before becoming a battle damage repair airframe at Coltishall as 8707M possibly in 1981. It was then used for spares recovery before going to the Otterburn Range 9.12.85]

Tuesday 25th September 1979 [MC 12/79][HO]

228 OCU MPC no range slots due to bad weather at Llanbedr.				
XW862	D	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
WB534	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
XV415	Z	Phantom FGR.2	[228 OCU]	
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX236 4 FTS visited Honington.				

Wednesday 26th September 1979 [HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3549]

228 OCU MPC no range slots due to bad weather at Llanbedr. 228 OCU having not flown any MPC sorties returned to Coningsby.				
[XV424]	[-]	Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	MPC to Coningsby
		Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	MPC to Coningsby
		Phantom FGR.2	228 OCU	MPC to Coningsby
		Jaguar		
		Jaguar		
-				
XR497	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Search of the Watkin Path on Snowdon for a missing Cadet, found safe by the MRT.				
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX224 XX232 XX236 4 FTS visited Linton on Ouse.				

Thursday 27th September 1979 [MC 12/79][HO][Air 27/3549][MB]

XG496	K	Devon C.2	RAE Farnborough	'NUGGET10'
				
[Tudor Rowlands]				
XZ587	-	Sea King HAR.3	22 Sqn	

XZ590	-	Sea King HAR.3	22 Sqn	
XZ591	-	Sea King HAR.3	22 Sqn	
XW427	56	JP T.5A	[3 FTS/CFS]	
XW431	59	JP T.5A	[3 FTS/CFS]	
XW436	62	JP T.5A	[3 FTS/CFS]	
	-	HS.125 CC.	32 Sqn	
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	PD 'AKEE72'
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XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/O Bendy
Search for missing canoeist off Criccieth, nothing found.				
Based noted: Hunter T.7 WV372:85 4 FTS delivered to 5 MU Kemble for long term storage. [WV372 subsequently served with various RAF units & FRADU. After Military service it was sold to Transair and registered G-BFXI 24.4.97 then to Jet Heritage [Bournemouth] 25.7.97 Then to Fox-One Ltd [Delta Jets, Kemble] 15.4.98-2.9.10 Then to Hunter Flying Ltd [Exeter] 14.3.11 then to Gerald Williams [Swansea] 18.6.12 then to Canfield Hunter Ltd [Dunmow] 13.8.12. Sadly, this was the aircraft involved in the crash at Shoreham 22.8.15 when it failed to recover from a dive and struck the A27 where the pilot was seriously injured and 11 members of the public were killed and more injured]				

Friday 28th September 1979 [MC 12/79 & 1/80][HO][MG]

XX842	T	Jaguar T.2	41 Sqn	'APN40'
XS521	511:PO	Wessex HU.5	772 NAS	
XT763	515:PO	Wessex HU.5	772 NAS	
G-BNNH	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	From & to Halfpenny Green
	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	PD 'DEMO02'
VP971	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	'RRR835'
Based noted: Hunter T.7 XL573:97 [5 MU crew ferry for XL601 ?] & XL601:88* 4 FTS *last 4 FTS Hunter to leave. *Delivered to 5 MU store, Kemble.				
				
[XL601 subsequently served with 237 OCU & FRADU. It was sold at Phillips auction 2.97 to Classic Jets at Exeter with the aim of restoring it to fly. It was registered G-BZSR 15.2.01 to Stick & Rudder Aviation Ltd [Meetkerke, Belgium] but cancelled 14.5.04 It then went to the Belgium Air Museum store at Vissenaeken]				



[Both: Tudor Rowlands]

Saturday 29th September 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/O Bendy
Climber with severe injuries in the Llanberis Pass, body recovered by the MRT.				

Monday 1st October 1979 [MC 2/80][HO]

XT669	AT	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XR522	AY	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XW237	CR	Puma HC.1	33 Sqn	
F-BRSM	-	Cessna 402B	Private	
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX163 CFS on loan to the Red Arrows for the 1 st week in October.				

Tuesday 2nd October 1979 [GJ][MC 2/80][HO]

XT271	-	Buccaneer S.2	237 OCU	
XT274	-	Buccaneer S.2	237 OCU	
XV338	-	Buccaneer S.2	237 OCU	



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XV357	-	Buccaneer S.2	237 OCU	
XS640	640	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	'RRR748'
XW215	CM	Puma HC.1	33 Sqn	
61-0685	-	CT-39A	7005 ABS	
XZ933	T	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XH568	-	Canberra B.6	RAE	'BLACKBOX BRAVO'
67-0119	UH[b]	F-111E	55 TFS/20 TFW	

67-0121	UH[y]	F-111E	79 TFS/20 TFW	
68-0003	UH[y]	F-111E	79 TFS/20 TFW	
68-0073	UH[y]	F-111E	79 TFS/20 TFW	PD 'AKEE22'

Wednesday 3rd October 1979 [MC 2/80][HO]

70-2363	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	
XV263	63	Nimrod MR.1		
XS728	E	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XS730	H	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XS734	N	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XS714	P	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
XZ592	-	Sea King HAR.3	202 Sqn	Or 22 Sqn
70+[66]	-	UH-1D	HTG-64	'DCN4035' WGAF
70+66 & 71+08 were present at Odiham on this date.				
69-5797	-	HH-53C	67 ARRS	'JOLLY59'
XL426	-	Vulcan B.2	617 Sqn	'D25'

Thursday 4th October 1979 [MC 2/80][HO]

XX625	45	Bulldog T.1	Wales UAS	
XM923	-	Wessex HAS.3	737 NAS	'NAVY405'
XT759	529:CU	Wessex HU.5	771 NAS	'NAVY529'
68-0041	UH[y]	F-111E	79 TFS/20 TFW	PD 'LAY05'
XP505	-	Gnat T.1	RAE	'NUGGET GOLD'
XW930	-	HS.125-1	RAE	

Friday 5th October 1979 [GJ][MC 2/80][HO][GP/SEAR][AIR 24/3278]

MPC - Airwork took over the target contract from Shorts at Llanbedr. No targets available 5-23.10 due to the changeover in management at Llanbedr.				
WJ879	-	Canberra T.4	7 Sqn	'A44'
				
[Glyn Jones]				
XW361	21	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XV101	101	VC-10 C.1	10 Sqn	
VP958	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
XX253	-	Hawk T.1	Red Arrows	

XZ175		Lynx AH.1	ARWS/AAC	
XZ205		Lynx AH.1	ARWS/AAC	
		Lynx AH.1	ARWS/AAC	

Saturday 6th October 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/O Bendy
Search for a fishing boat & 2 men off Trevor, nothing found.				

Sunday 7th October 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/O Bendy
Search continued for a fishing boat & 2 men off Trevor, see 6.10 Found safe and taken to Porthdinllaen Coastguard.				

Monday 8th October 1979 [MC 2/80][HO][GP/SEAR]

XV753	C	Harrier GR.3	233 OCU	
XV762	G	Harrier GR.3	233 OCU	
XV807	L	Harrier GR.3	233 OCU	
XW934	W	Harrier T.4	233 OCU	'CCB25'
XX251	-	Hawk T.1	Red Arrows	
XW429	57	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
XR673	L	JP T.4	CATCS	
XS217	O	JP T.4	CATCS	
XV197	197	Hercules C.1	LTW	
EI-AWY	-	Mitsubishi MU-2B	Private	
G-AYAD	-	PA-30 Comanche	Private	
G-AYFT	-	PA-39 Comanche	Private	
XZ182	-	Lynx AH.1	654 Sqn/AAC	
XZ183	-	Lynx AH.1	654 Sqn/AAC	
XZ184	-	Lynx AH.1	654 Sqn/AAC	

Tuesday 9th October 1979 [MC 2/80][HO][GP/SEAR][AIR 27/3549]

XT270	C	Buccaneer S.2	208 Sqn	
XZ133	A	Harrier GR.3	233 OCU	
XV753	C	Harrier GR.3	233 OCU	
XV744	D	Harrier GR.3	233 OCU	
XV762	G	Harrier GR.3	233 OCU	
XV807	L	Harrier GR.3	233 OCU	
XZ445	Q	Harrier T.4	233 OCU	
WB531	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	
XL616	-	Hunter T.7A	BAe Warton	
XL614	-	Hunter T.7A	237 OCU	
XX246	246	Hawk T.1A	1 TWU	
XL578	83	Hunter T.7	1 TWU	

XV207	207	Hercules C.1	LTW	
XW320	50	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
XW366	52	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
XW436	62	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
XZ181	-	Lynx AH.1	654 Sqn/AAC	
XZ185	-	Lynx AH.1	654 Sqn/AAC	
XZ186	-	Lynx AH.1	654 Sqn/AAC	
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XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/O Bendy
Hawk 'MAYDAY' with an engine failure, relight successful, not required.				

Wednesday 10th October 1979 [MC 2/80][HO][AIR 28/2310]

XH568	-	Canberra B.6	RAE	
WJ879	79	Canberra T.4	7 Sqn	
68-0004	UH[r]	F-111E	77 TFS/20 TFW	PD 'AKEE26'
XP825	-	Beaver AL.1	7 Rgt/AAC	'AAC363'
I-HYDR	-	PA-31T Cheyenne	Private	Dep 11.10
XZ591	-	Sea King HAR.3	RAFSKTU	'NAVY535'
Flew in to discuss 'hi-line' transfer techniques.				

Thursday 11th October 1979 [HE][MC 2/80][HO][AIR 27/3549]

XV753	C	Harrier GR.3	233 OCU	
XV762	G	Harrier GR.3	233 OCU	
XV807	L	Harrier GR.3	233 OCU	
I-HYDR	-	PA-31T Cheyenne	Private	From Birmingham
68-0064	UH[r]	F-111E	77 TFS/20 TFW	
68-0050	UH[b]	F-111E	55 TFS/20 TFW	PD 'LAY06'
XW336	6	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XZ591	-	Sea King HAR.3	RAFSKTU	'NAVY535'
G-AWTM	-	PA-28 Cherokee 140	Private	
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XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Injured workman at Llanbedr flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Friday 12th October 1979 [MC 2/80][HO][MG]

68-0014	UH[r]	F-111E	77 TFS/20 TFW	PD 'LAY60'
XV489	A	Phantom FGR.2	29 Sqn	
XP638	K	JP T.4	CATCS	
XV251	51	Nimrod MR.1	St Mawgan Wg	3x PD R.14 '212EE'
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX290 4 FTS new delivery.				

Saturday 13th October 1979 [HO]

XV251	51	Nimrod MR.1	St Mawgan Wg	'212EE'
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Sunday 14th October 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Injured walker on the 'zig zags', MRT positioned on Glaslyn.				

Monday 15th October 1979 [HE][MC 2/80][HO]

XH167	-	Canberra PR.9	39 Sqn	'N29'
XV762	G	Harrier GR.3	233 OCU	'TARTAN'
XW934	W	Harrier T.4	233 OCU	'TARTAN'
XP629	P	JP T.4	CATCS	'F67'
XS178	N	JP T.4	1 TWU	'D60'
G-AYUD	-	PA-25 Pawnee	Private	
68-0047	UH[b]	F-111E	55 TFS/20 TFW	PD 'LAY02'
68-0064	UH[r]	F-111E	77 TFS/20 TFW	PD 'RERUN34'
XX893	V	Buccaneer S.2	16 Sqn	'BLACK1'
XV333	I	Buccaneer S.2B	15 Sqn	'BLACK2'



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Tuesday 16th October 1979 [HE][MC 2/80][HO][MG]

XX893	V	Buccaneer S.2	16 Sqn	'RUSH2'
XX886	Y	Buccaneer S.2	16 Sqn	'MB' [or XV866 ?]
XX888	Z	Buccaneer S.2	16 Sqn	'MA'
XX891	J	Buccaneer S.2	15 Sqn	'RUSH1'
XV408	N	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	
XW415	53	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
XS521	511:PO	Wessex HU.5	772 NAS	
XT763	515:PO	Wessex HU.5	772 NAS	
68-0012	UH[y]	F-111E	79 TFS/20 TFW	PD 'RERUN32'
		Whirlwind HAR.10		'F--100'

		Nimrod MR.1		PD '417GQ' on 32
	-	Vulcan B.2		

Wednesday 17th October 1979 [HE][MC 2/80][HO][AIR 27/3549]

XV270	-	Beaver AL.1	7 Rgt/AAC	'AAC362'
XP547	03	JP T.4	1 TWU	
69-5785	-	HH-53C	67 ARRS	'JOLLY63'

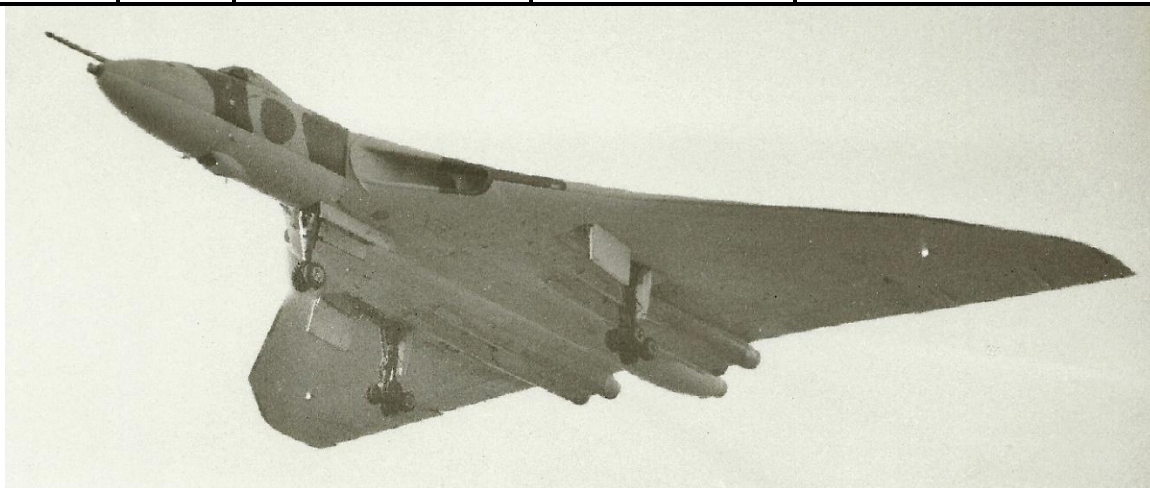
Based noted:

Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn detachment to Baldonnel, Ireland 17-20.10

This was to exercise with Irish SAR services.

Thursday 18th October 1979 [HE][MC 2/80][HO]

XS514	L	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
XT458	P	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
XV725	AC	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	'JLL49'
XA880	-	Devon C.2	RAE Llanbedr	
		Tornado PO.	BAe	
XL321	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	PD 14 'K--20'



[Hywel Evans]

XP505	-	Gnat T.1	RAE Bedford	
XW310	37	JP T.5A	RAFC	
G-BCYF	-	Falcon 20DC	Private	Ex. F-WRQP



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Saturday 20th October 1979 [MC 2/80][HO][AIR 27/3549]

		3x Jaguar		
XX626	46	Bulldog T.1*	Wales UAS	
XX627	47	Bulldog T.1*	Wales UAS	
XX628	48	Bulldog T.1*	Wales UAS	
*Weekend Detachment				
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XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Injured climber winched off Cromlech & flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Sunday 21st October 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn exercise with Plas-y-Brenin MRT.				

Monday 22nd October 1979 [HE][MC 2/80][HO][Pprune MAINJAVAD][AIR 24/3278]

23 Sqn [5 aircraft] arrived from Wattisham for their MPC. 23 Sqn MPC 22-2.11.79, 6 missiles fired, 4 AIM-7 & 2x AIM-9.				
XV422	C	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC arrived 12:55
XV432	D	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC arrived 11:05
XV423	E	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC arrived 15:15
XV499	L	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC arrived 12:55
XV408	N	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC arrived 11:05



[Both: Tudor Rowlands]

68-0027	UH[b]	F-111E	55 TFS/20 TFW	PD 'LAY22'
XW410	14	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW362	17	JP T.5A	RAFC	

XW355	20	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW314	28	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW363	68	JP T.5A	1 FTS	
XP688	E	JP T.4	CATCS	
XK895	-	Sea Devon C.20	781 NAS	
Based noted: Whirlwind HAR.10 2[A]FTS detachment. XP338:N XN127:W				

Tuesday 23rd October 1979 [MC 2/80][HO][AIR 24/3278]

23 Sqn MPC AM 23 Sqn alert called 'Active Edge' all aircraft declared 'on state.' PM no range slots due to bad weather at Llanbedr.				
XJ322	-	Sea Devon C.20	781 NAS	
69-5797	-	HH-53C	67 ARRS	'JOLLY59'
XX260	-	Hawk T.1	Red Arrows	
XT606	AO	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
		Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	

Wednesday 24th October 1979 [MC 2/80][HO][AIR 24/3278]

MPC AM no targets available. PM 5 [XV408/422/423/432/499] flew range sortie, 1x AIM-7 firing [XV432]				
XW431	59	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
XZ580	272:H	Sea King HAS.2	814 NAS	
XZ918	269:H	Sea King HAS.2	814 NAS	L Jeram-Croft
From & to HMS Hermes which was conducting the first Harrier trials.				

Thursday 25th October 1979 [MC 12/79 & 2/80][GJ][HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3549]

23 Sqn MPC no range slots due to HMS Bristol taking them all. HMS Hermes was conducting the first Harrier trials.				
XS610	610	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	



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XW933	Q	Harrier T.4	3 Sqn	
XZ590	-	Sea King HAR.3	RAFSKTF	'NAVY94'
XZ592	-	Sea King HAR.3	RAFSKTF	'NAVY92'
XZ918	269:H	Sea King HAS.2	814 NAS	L Jeram-Croft
From & to HMS Hermes.				
XV476	S	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	From Wattisham 15:30 MPC
G-AWMS	-	HS.125-3B	RTZ	
G-BEYX	-	PA-31P Navajo	Private	
G-ANAF	-	DC-3C Dakota	Air Atlantique	
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G-BBIU	-	Hughes 269C	Heli-Leeds Ltd	
Hit power lines after lift-off from Rhosgoch Oil Farm near Amlwch just after 09:30. Wessex HAR.2 XR518 22 Sqn [F/L Coy] flew the pilot to Bangor Hospital. It had been conducting a pipeline inspection between Amlwch and Stanlow Oil Refinery.				
Pilot	Mr	Richard James Penrose [22]		Died of injuries.
Pax	Mr	Elwyn Hughes [42]		Killed, Shell employee



[Both: John Martin Davies]

Friday 26th October 1979 [MC 2/80][HO][AIR 24/3278][L Jeram-Croft]

23 Sqn MPC no range slots due to the presence of a French fishing fleet.				
XV476	S	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC to Wattisham 10:40

XV432	D	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC to Wattisham 15:00
XS770	-	Basset CC.1	A&AEE	
XE587	[E]	Hunter F.6	ETPS	
XL578	83	Hunter T.7	1 TWU	
XZ918	269:H	Sea King HAS.2	814 NAS	L Jeram-Croft
From & to HMS Hermes				
XZ440	40	Sea Harrier FRS.1	A&AEE	
WT510	854	Canberra T.22	FRADU	
XW289	31	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW330	65	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
G-ASMG	-	DH.104 Dove 8	BAe	
68-0026	UH[r]	F-111E	77 TFS/20 TFW	PD 'LAY11'
68-0057	UH[b]	F-111E	55 TFS/20 TFW	PD 'LAY20'
XS493	V-E	Wessex HU.5	846 NAS	

Saturday 27th October 1979 [L Jeram-Croft*][AIR 27/3549]

XZ918	269:H	Sea King HAS.2*	814 NAS	From & to HMS Hermes
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Collapsed runner on the Rhinnogs flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Monday 29th October 1979 [HO][AIR 24/3278][L Jeram-Croft*][AIR 27/3549]

23 Sqn MPC				
AM 5 [XV408/422/423/476/499] flew a range sortie, 2x AIM-9 fired [XV423/476]				
PM 4 [XV408/422/476/499] flew a range sortie, 1x misfire [XV476]				
XV476	S	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC from Wattisham 08:05
XZ440	40	Sea Harrier FRS.1	A&AEE	HMS Hermes
XZ450	50	Sea Harrier FRS.1	A&AEE	HMS Hermes
XZ918	269:H	Sea King HAS.2*	814 NAS	From & to HMS Hermes
XZ580	272:H	Sea King HAS.2	814 NAS	
XW216	CN	Puma HC.1	33 Sqn	
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/O Bendy
[Sea] Harrier with hydraulic failure, landed safely. Possibly one of the above.				

Tuesday 30th October 1979 [AIR 24/3278]

23 Sqn MPC no range slots due to bad weather on the range.				
AM 4 [XV408/422/476/499] flew a range practice sortie.				

Wednesday 31st October 1979 [HO][AIR 24/3278]

23 Sqn MPC no range slots due to crosswinds at Llanbedr.				
AM local flying 12:15 [XV408] & 12:25 [XV423/499]				

XX482	J	Jetstream T.1	6 FTS	
+	-	G.91R-3		11:10 WGAF
XT421	423	Wasp HAS.1	829 NAS	
XX957	CG	Jaguar GR.1	20 Sqn	
XZ384	CM	Jaguar GR.1	20 Sqn	
XM926	[-]	Wessex HAS.3	737 NAS	
XV295	295	Hercules C.1	LTW	'RRR4841'
XS522	347:TP	Wessex HU.5	[772 NAS]	
XE587	[E]	Hunter F.6	ETPS	

November 1979 [AIR 28/2310]

Station Flight handled ? movements including ? VIP.
Valley provided support for HMS Hermes, which was conducting Sea Harrier trials just off the coast, this generated 200 extra movements and at one stage there were 40 stranded sailors sleeping overnight in the Gymnasium.

Thursday 1st November 1979 [MC 2/80][HO][AIR 28/2310][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3549]

23 Sqn MPC				
AM no range slots due to cross winds at Llanbedr.				
AM local flying 11:15 [XV423/476] & 11:20 [XV408/499]				
PM 4 [XV422/423/476/499] flew a range sortie, 1x AIM-7 fired [XV499]				
XX499	G	Jetstream T.1	6 FTS/METS	'N06'
XX493	L	Jetstream T.1	6 FTS/METS	'NZM230'
XW898	G	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XT607	AP	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XT675	AR	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XR499	AW	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
G-BBYK	-	PA-23 Aztec 250E	Private	
G-BETR	-	Cessna Ag Truck	Private	
G-BAOP	-	Cessna FRA150L	Private	
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XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Hawk precautionary, landed safely.				
XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
3 people cut off by the tide at Porthmadog, picked up by boat.				
		Whirlwind HAR.10	SARTS	
First of 18 Group Whirlwinds to replace the Shawbury ones. 4 expected altogether.				
Based noted:				
Hawk T.1 XX182 4 FTS visited Coltishall.				

Friday 2nd November 1979 [MC 2/80][HO][AIR 24/3278 & 3279][AIR 27/3549]

23 Sqn MPC				
AM 4 [XV408/422/423/499] flew a range sortie, 1x AIM-7 fired [XV423]				
23 Sqn [5 aircraft] departed back to Wattisham at 15:40 post their MPC.				

The 92 Sqn aircraft delivered 4x AIM-9G & 4x AIM-7 missiles.				
XV408	N	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC
XV422	C	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC
XV423	E	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC
XV476	S	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC
XV499	L	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	MPC
XV465	Z	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	STCAAME see 5.11
XP547	03	JP T.4	1 TWU	
XW328	22	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW353	51	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
XW430	58	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
WJ865	-	Canberra T.4	A&AEE	
XZ587	-	Sea King HAR.3	202 Sqn	
XJ322	-	Sea Devon C.20	781 NAS	



[Glyn Jones]

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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Woman injured in a shooting incident on Anglesey flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Sunday 4th November 1979 [HO][AIR 24/3279]

XV199	199	Hercules C.1	LTW	92 Sqn MPC support
From Wildenrath at 17:35, departed to Lyneham at 18:35.				
XV218	218	Hercules C.1	LTW	92 Sqn MPC support
From Wildenrath at 18:35, departed to Lyneham at 19:15.				

Monday 5th November 1979 [GJ][MC 2/80][HO][AIR 27/3458][AIR 24/3278]

92 Sqn arrived from Wildenrath with 3 aircraft plus the one already present for their MPC.				
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92 Sqn MPC 5-16.11. PM no range slots due to crosswinds at Llanbedr.				
XV418	-	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	MPC grey arrived 10:50
XV490	P	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	MPC arrived 10:50
XV412	W	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	MPC arrived 10:50
XV465	Z	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	MPC see 2.11
XS606	-	Andover C.1	ETPS	
				
[Glyn Jones]				
XW374	38	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XJ347	-	Sea Devon C.20	781 NAS	
XP395	-	Whirlwind HAR.10	22 Sqn	
XZ918	269:H	Sea King HAS.2	814 NAS	
XZ580	272:H	Sea King HAS.2	814 NAS	
68-0039	UH[b]	F-111E	55 TFS/20 TFW	

Tuesday 6th November 1979 [MC 2/80][HO][AIR 27/3419][AIR 24/3279]

92 Sqn MPC no range slots all day due to weather at Llanbedr.				
XV475	C	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	'M-O-A' STCAAME
Liaison visit, arrived at 10:15 and later departed back to Wildenrath at 15:00				
XV487	Y	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	MPC from Wildenrath 14:50
XK896	-	Sea Devon C.20	781 NAS	'NAVY710'
XR443	-	Sea Heron C.1		
XW237	CR	Puma HC.1	33 Sqn	'NJ26'
G-AWMS	-	HS.125-3B	RTZ	
XT421	433	Wasp HAS.1	829 NAS	
XW852	A	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XW858	C	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XW862	D	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XW866	E	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XW902	H	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	

XZ933	T	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
ZA802	W	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
WJ681		Canberra B.2	[231 OCU]	'L03'
XZ451	100:VL	Sea Harrier FRS.1	700[A]NAS	'BLACK1'
XZ452	101:VL	Sea Harrier FRS.1	700[A]NAS	'BLACK2'
XZ918	269:H	Sea King HAS.2	814 NAS	HMS Hermes
XZ580	272:H	Sea King HAS.2	814 NAS	HMS Hermes

Wednesday 7th November 1979 [MC 2/80][HO][AIR 24/3279]

92 Sqn MPC no range slots due to weather at Llanbedr.				
XF358	875:VL	Hunter T.8	FRADU	

Thursday 8th November 1979 [MC 1/80 & 2/80][HO][AIR 27/3458]

92 Sqn MPC AM 2x AIM-9 firings [XV412] PM 2x AIM-7 firings [XV418] *The LTF aircraft delivered missiles from Binbrook to STCAAME.				
XV467	Q	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	MPC from Wildenrath 10:15
XP764	B	Lightning F.3*	LTF	STCAAME
				
[Glyn Jones]				
XR718	C	Lightning F.3*	LTF	STCAAME
				
[Glyn Jones]				
XA880	-	Devon C.2	RAE Llanbedr	

XW367	26	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XR517	AN	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XZ578	583:CU	Sea King HAS.2	824 NAS	
G-TROT	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	To Halfpenny Green

Friday 9th November 1979 [HE][MC 12/79 & 2/80][HO][AIR 24/3279]

92 Sqn MPC				
XV490	P	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	To Wildenrath 12:50
XV467	Q	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	To Wattisham 15:25



[Hywel Evans]

XV462	U	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	MPC
XV487	Y	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	To Wattisham 15:25
XV418	-	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	MPC
XS606	-	Andover C.1	ETPS	'TESTER56' to BHX
XW354	7	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW289	31	JP T.5A	RAFC	
		Lightning T.5	LTF	Delivered missiles, STCAAME

Saturday 10th November 1979 [AIR 24/3279]

92 Sqn MPC two aircraft returned from Wattisham, see 9.11				
XV487	Y	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	From Wattisham 15:35
XV467	Q	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	From Wattisham 15:35

Sunday 11th November 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/O Bendy
Search for a missing man at Penmaenmawr, nothing found.				

Monday 12th November 1979 [MC 2/80][HO][AIR 24/3279]

92 Sqn MPC				
AM no range slots due to other users.				
15:45 3 aircraft local flying [XV465 XV467 XV487]				

XV498	R	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	MPC
XS606	-	Andover C.1	ETPS	
XR511	AL	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XV723	AQ	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XW910	K	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XW321	29	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW299	40	JP T.5A	RAFC	
XW287	P	JP T.5B	6 FTS	
XW296	Q	JP T.5B	6 FTS	
XE685	861:VL	Hunter GA.11	FRADU	G Underwood
Throttle jammed at full power whilst in the cruise from Kinloss to Yeovilton. Fortunately, after a few turns the problem cleared and the aircraft landed safely at Valley. After refuelling it continued to Yeovilton.				
32+60	-	G.91R-3	LeKG-41	WGAF
33+18	-	G.91R-3	LeKG-41	WGAF

Tuesday 13th November 1979 [MC 4/80][HO][AB news1980][AIR 24/3279]

92 Sqn MPC				
XV498	R	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	MPC
Departed at 16:30 to Coningsby and returned from there at 19:00.				
XW415	53	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
XW429	57	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
XW316	64	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
XV213	213	Hercules C.1	LTW	
G-BAZA	-	HS.125-400B	Private	
F-BXMM	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	
F-BXPW	-	PA-31 Navajo	Private	Or F-BXPU ?
XW910	K	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
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G-CHIC	-	Hughes 269C	Private	
Crashed 1nm North of Betws-y-Coed in woods whilst taking off, enroute to RAF Valley. Royal Artillery junior Soldiers helped with the rescue.				
Pilot	Cpt	Don McGillivray		Killed
Pax	-	David Booth [Manweb Engineer]		Injured

Wednesday 14th November 1979 [HO][AIR 24/3279]

92 Sqn MPC no range slots all day due to weather at Llanbedr. 15:10 3 aircraft local flying [XV412 XV465 XV467]				
XV498	R	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	
Departed to Wildenrath at 10:40 returning from there at 15:15.				
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	

Thursday 15th November 1979 [MC 4/80][HO][AIR 27/3458][AIR 24/3278]

92 Sqn MPC AM no range slots due to weather at Llanbedr. PM 1x AIM-7 firing.				
XV465	Z	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	To Wildenrath 11:10
WJ865	-	Canberra T.4	A&AEE	
XW866	E	Gazelle HT.3	CFS	
XG196	25	Hunter F.6A	1 TWU	
XK141	33	Hunter F.6A	1 TWU	
XL321	-	Vulcan B.2	230 OCU	
68-0568	AR	RF-4C	/10 TRW	'INKAM15' ?
		2x F-111	TFW	
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX238:238 4 FTS visited Bitteswell. This was the official handover of the Hawks to the Red Arrows.				

Friday 16th November 1979 [MC 4/80][HO][AIR 27/3458][AIR 24/3278]

92 Sqn MPC 1x AIM-7 firing. 92 Sqn [4 aircraft] returned to Wildenrath post their MPC. 1 aircraft left behind for repairs, later departed 22.11				
XV412	W	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	To Wildenrath 15:50
XV418	-	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	To Wildenrath 15:50
XV467	Q	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	To Wildenrath 15:50
XV498	R	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	To Wildenrath 15:50
XV219	219	Hercules C.1	LTW	
Arrived at 15:30 & departed to Wildenrath at 17:55.				
XV185	185	Hercules C.1	LTW	'RRR4340'
Arrived at 16:30 & departed to Wildenrath at 18:10.				
XV301	301	Hercules C.1	LTW	N/stop
XW415	53	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
XW429	57	JP T.5A	3 FTS/CFS	
XW432	[60]	JP T.5A	[CFS/RFS]	
XW433	[61]	JP T.5A	[CFS/RFS]	
68-0034	UH[r]	F-111E	77 TFS/20 TFW	
WT537	-	Canberra PR.7	13 Sqn	'J41'
XM569	-	Vulcan B.2	9 Sqn	'TCA91'
XT668	AS	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
	-	Beaver AL.1	/AAC	'AAC363'

Saturday 17th November 1979 [HO]

XV301	301	Hercules C.1	LTW	
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX235 XX244 4 FTS visited Leeming.				

Monday 19th November 1979 [HO][AIR 24/3278 & 3279]

LTF [5 aircraft, 2x T.5/2x F.3/1x F.6] arrived from Binbrook for their MPC. LTF MPC 19-29.11. PM no range slots due to other users.				
XR718	C	Lightning F.3	LTF	MPC arrived 10:00
XR751	A	Lightning F.3	LTF	MPC arrived 10:00
XS416	V	Lightning T.5	LTF	MPC arrived 10:00
XS417	W	Lightning T.5	LTF	MPC arrived 10:00
XR724	[-]	Lightning F.6	LTF	MPC arrived 10:00
		Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	STCAAME
Delivered missiles				
	-	Vulcan B.2		

Tuesday 20th November 1979 [GJ][MC 4/80][MAS][AIR 24/3278 & 3279]

LTF MPC 1x Firestreak fired [XR751] 1x Firestreak fired [XS416]				
XV761	B	Harrier GR.3	4 Sqn	
XV793	-	Harrier GR.3	4 Sqn	
XV795	F	Harrier GR.3	3 Sqn	
				
[Glyn Jones]				
XV792	N	Harrier GR.3	3 Sqn	
				
[Glyn Jones]				
XV779	P	Harrier GR.3	3 Sqn	
XZ139	Z	Harrier GR.3	3 Sqn	
XX766	14	Jaguar GR.1	226 OCU	

XX730	730	Jaguar GR.1	6 Sqn	
XX742	742	Jaguar GR.1	6 Sqn	
XX744	744	Jaguar GR.1	6 Sqn	
XZ395	395	Jaguar GR.1	54 Sqn	
XV263	63	Nimrod MR.1		
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX235 4 FTS visited Finningley.				

Wednesday 21st November 1979 [HO][AIR 28/2310][AIR 24/3278 & 3279]

LTF MPC 1x Firestreak fired [XR718] PM no range slots due to weather at Llanbedr.				
XR724	-	Lightning F.6	11 Sqn	
		Hercules C.1	LTW	
Based noted: Whirlwind HAR.10 SARTS, 2 nd aircraft delivered from 18 Group.				

Thursday 22nd November 1979 [AIR 24/3278][AIR 24/3278]

LTF MPC Lightnings grounded for fuel hydraulic checks, no range sorties.				
[XV487]	[Y]	Phantom FGR.2	92 Sqn	To Wildenrath, see 16.11

Friday 23rd November 1979 [MAS][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3549]

LTF MPC 2 aircraft returned to Binbrook for inspections, the rest stayed at Valley. Inspections carried out on the aircraft over the weekend. STCAAME official unit badge presented by AOC 11 Group.				
XR724	[-]	Lightning F.6	LTF	To Binbrook 16:15
XR751	A	Lightning F.3	LTF	To Binbrook 16:15
XL616	-	Hunter T.7	RAE	
VP971	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	[AOC 11 Group]
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XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/O Bendy
Injured seaman winched off 'Arya Sepand' & flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Saturday 24th November 1979 [MC 12/79]

XS516	Q	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	'NAVY YQ' from BHX
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Monday 26th November 1979 [HO][AIR 24/3278]

LTF MPC All aircraft [3 at Valley plus 1 more from Binbrook] now inspected. PM 1x Firestreak fired [XR751]				
XR751	A	Lightning F.3	LTF	MPC from Binbrook 11:47
	-	Vulcan B.2		

	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
		Phantom		

Tuesday 27th November 1979 [MC 4/80][HO][AIR 24/3278]

LTF MPC no range sorties due to bad weather at Valley and Llanbedr.				
XV212	212	Hercules C.1	LTW	N/stop
XV406	A	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	N/stop
[XV435]	M	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	

Wednesday 28th November 1979 [MC 4/80][MAS][HO][MG][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3549]

LTF MPC no range sorties due to bad weather at Valley and Llanbedr.				
67-0119	UH[b]	F-111E	55 TFS/20 TFW	13:20
	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	15:00
XV406	A	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	
XV212	212	Hercules C.1	LTW	
69-5827	-	HC-130N	67 ARRS	N/stop
		Jaguar GR.1		
		Jaguar GR.1		
		Nimrod MR.1		PD 19:00
Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn exercise with Cader Idris MRT.				

Thursday 29th November 1979 [MC 4/80][HO][AIR 24/3278 & 3279][AIR 27/3549]

LTF MPC AM 2 aircraft local flying [XS416 XS417] PM 1x missile fired [XS416] XS417 chased an aborted 43 Sqn firing, the Phantom returned direct to Leuchars.				
XV406	A	Phantom FGR.2	23 Sqn	
69-5827	-	HC-130N	67 ARRS	
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XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Search for missing girl in Snowdonia, nothing found.				

Friday 30th November 1979 [MG][GJ]

LTF departed to Binbrook post their MPC. However, their impressive departure caused damage to houses in Caergeiliog!				
XS416	V	Lightning T.5	LTF	To Binbrook 10:50
XS417	W	Lightning T.5	LTF	To Binbrook 10:50
XR718	C	Lightning F.3	LTF	To Binbrook 10:50
XR751	A	Lightning F.3	LTF	To Binbrook 10:50
	AR	RF-4C	1 TRS/10 TRW	PD 'ALEM15' on 14
69-5827	-	HC-130N	67 ARRS	



[Glyn Jones]

Based noted:

Hawk T.1 XX291 4 FTS to the Red Arrows on short term loan.

Saturday 1st December 1979

XT472	M	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
XS515	N	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
Both from Aldergrove.				

Monday 3rd December 1979 [MC 4/80][HO][AIR 24/3278 & 3279]

SARTU [Search & Rescue Training Unit] part of 18 Group formed at Valley with Whirlwind HAR.10 taking over from the 2[A]FTS Whirlwind Detachments. Also quoted as 1.12.79 in Roundel 91-06. [AIR 29/5090]

56 Sqn [5 aircraft] arrived from Wattisham for their MPC.

56 Sqn MPC 3-14.12.

PM no range slots due to weather.

XV474	F	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC arrived 10:15
XV410	H	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC arrived 10:15
XV495		Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC arrived 10:15
XV466	K	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC arrived 10:15
XV494		Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC arrived 10:15
XS509	W-P:VL	Wessex HU.5*	707 NAS	SARTU
XT476	W-S:VL	Wessex HU.5*	707 NAS	SARTU
XT479	W-X:VL	Wessex HU.5*	707 NAS	SARTU
XS489	W-Y:VL	Wessex HU.5*	707 NAS	SARTU
[XT463]	W-Z:VL	Wessex HU.5*	707 NAS	SARTU

*Mountain Flying Detachment for 1 week.

'P/X/Y/Z' still present 5.12.79, 'S' still present 7.12.79

Tuesday 4th December 1979 [MC 4/80][HO][AIR 24/3279]

56 Sqn MPC no range slots all day to weather.				
XZ112	G	Jaguar GR.1	2 Sqn	
XX845	-	Jaguar T.2	2 Sqn	

Wednesday 5th December 1979 [MC 4/80][MAS][HO][AIR 24/3279]

56 Sqn MPC AM no range slots due to weather. 10:00 local flying [XV410 XV466 XV474 XV495] PM no range slots due to other users. 15:40 local flying [XV410 XV466 XV495]				
XV437		Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	MPC from Wattisham 19:50
XV494		Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	To Wattisham 20:25
[XE597]	F	Hunter FGA.9	1 TWU	
XV183	183	Hercules C.1	LTW	N/stop
WB533	-	Devon C.2/2	207 Sqn	

Thursday 6th December 1979 [MC 1/80 & 4/80][HO][AIR 24/3279]

56 Sqn MPC no range slots due to weather.				
G-AWMS	-	HS.125-3B	RTZ	
XV183	183	Hercules C.1	LTW	
		Nimrod MR.1		
	-	Vulcan B.2		
XT458	P	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
XS516	Q	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
XT455	R	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
All 3 to Aldergrove.				

Friday 7th December 1979 [MC 4/80][MAS][HO][AIR 24/3279]

56 Sqn MPC no range slots due to weather.				
WJ639	39	Canberra TT.18	7 Sqn	
XR506	AV	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XZ691	[-]	Lynx HAS.2	[29 JSTU]	'NAVY480'
From Aldergrove, all markings painted over, part of 702 NAS.				
XT472	M	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
XS515	N	Wessex HU.5	845 NAS	
Both from Aldergrove.				

Saturday 8th December 1979 [HO][MG]

74-1054	SP	F-4E	/52 TFW	PD 'DOBOY91' ?
2 overshoots on Runway 14.				

Sunday 9th December 1979 [AIR 24/3278]

56 Sqn MPC planned to fly on a Sunday but thwarted by bad weather.				

Monday 10th December 1979 [HO][AIR 24/3279][AIR 27/3549]

56 Sqn MPC AM no range slots due to weather at Llanbedr. AM range practice flown [XV410 XV437 XV495]				
	LN	F-111F	/48 TFW	
		Hercules		
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XR501	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Coy
Hawk precautionary, aircraft landed safely.				
XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Search for a man near Penmaenmawr, found safe by Police.				
Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn exercise with Peel Lifeboat, IoM.				

Tuesday 11th December 1979 [MC 4/80][MG][HO][AIR 24/3278][AIR 27/3549]

56 Sqn MPC 1x AIM-7 [night against stiletto] & 1x AIM-9 fired. PM no range slots due to other users. 1 aircraft arrived to carry out a crew change.				
XV464		Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	STCAAME
Arrived at 20:20 & departed back to Wattisham at 21:10.				
XX719		Jaguar GR.1	54 Sqn	
XX846	A	Jaguar T.2	226 OCU	
WV396		Hunter T.8C	FRADU	
	AR	RF-4C	1 TRS/10 TRW	PD 'ALEM45' at 20:07 on 14
Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn exercise with Port St Mary Lifeboat, IoM.				

Wednesday 12th December 1979 [MC 2/80][HO][AIR 24/3279]

F/L John Dobson & F/L Gemmel Ross presented with 1,000hr badges by Bill Bedford. First Pilots to achieve this figure on the Hawk. 56 Sqn MPC no range slots all day due to other users & weather.				
XZ374	CA	Jaguar GR.1	20 Sqn	
XX957	CG	Jaguar GR.1	20 Sqn	
WV396	[-]	Hunter T.8C	FRADU	
		Jetstream T.1	6 FTS/METS	[AVM Rogers visit to SARTU]
Based noted: Hawk T.1 XX291 4 FTS visited the Red Arrows at Kemble.				

Thursday 13th December 1979 [MC 4/80][HO][AIR 24/3279]

56 Sqn MPC AM no range slots due to weather.				
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XV437	L	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	To Wattisham 19:20
XS610	610	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	
68-0061	UH[y]	F-111E	79 TFS/20 TFW	
XM370	93	JP T.3A	7 FTS	N/stop

Friday 14th December 1979 [HE][AIR 24/3278]

56 Sqn MPC 2x AIM-7 firings. PM 1x AIM-9 firing. 56 Sqn departed back to Wattisham; 2 missile firings outstanding.				
XV437	L	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	From Wattisham 08:40
Later departed to Wattisham at 17:15				
XV474	F	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	To Wattisham 16:55
XV410	H	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	To Wattisham 19:15
XV495		Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	To Wattisham 16:55
XV466	K	Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	To Wattisham 17:15
XS610	610	Andover E.3	115 Sqn	New colour scheme
XM370	93	JP T.3A	7 FTS	
68-0061	UH[y]	F-111E	79 TFS/20 TFW	
XZ374	CA	Jaguar GR.1	20 Sqn	
XX957	CG	Jaguar GR.1	20 Sqn	
Based noted: Hawk T.1 4 FTS new sightings XX290 XX294 XX295 Whirlwind HAR.10 XP395 SARTU Forced landing near Capel Curig due to engine vibrations [F/L Foster] Groundcrew flown in another helicopter, XP395 then returned to Valley.				

Sunday 16th December 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

Based noted: Wessex HAR.2 22 Sqn exercise with Holyhead Cliff Rescue Team.				

Monday 17th December 1979 [HO]

	UH	F-111E	/20 TFW	
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Wednesday 19th December 1979 [MC 4/80][HO][AIR 24/3278 & 3279][AIR 27/3549]

56 Sqn MPC 56 Sqn [2 aircraft] flew from Wattisham to the range. 1x AIM-7 fired which destroyed the Jindivik. Both landed at Valley before returning to Wattisham.				
XV495		Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	STCAAME to Wattisham
XT891		Phantom FGR.2	56 Sqn	STCAAME to Wattisham
XZ106	E	Jaguar GR.1	2 Sqn	
XZ362	[-]	Jaguar GR.1	2 Sqn	
		F-111		

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XV720	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Boat with 3 occupants sinking at Seascale, boat beached safely.				

Thursday 20th December 1979 [HE][MC 4/80][HO][AIR 24/3278 & 3279][AIR 27/3459]

*QRA scramble from Wattisham, AIM-7 firing. Lightning** acted as chase for the QRA firing, both landed at Valley. Both departed back to their respective bases at 14:16				
XV469	A	Phantom FGR.2*	56 Sqn	STCAAME
XR756	G	Lightning F.6**	5 Sqn	STCAAME
XR499	AW	Wessex HC.2	72 Sqn	
XS738	U	Dominie T.1	6 FTS	
	-	Sea King HAR.3	202 Sqn	
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XV720	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L Mabbott
Search for aircraft crashed at Bala, nothing found.				
Based noted: Whirlwind HAR.10 SARTU XP353 XP354				

RAF Valley No local flying 21.12-31.12.79				
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Sunday 23rd December 1979 [AIR 27/3549]

XR518	-	Wessex HAR.2	22 Sqn	F/L McGuire
Search for 2 boys on Holyhead Mountain. 1 found dead and the other flown to Bangor Hospital.				

Monday 24th December 1979 [HO]

		[C-160/N.262]		08:30 overflow ?
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Friday 28th December 1979 [MC 2/80][HO]

G-AVKG	-	Cessna F172H	Private	To Birmingham
		2x F-111	TFW	11:45