



A superb echelon formation of four Meteor 8s of 611 Sqn comprising WH505/A, WE899/J, WH359/K, and WK852/C circa 1953 which also illustrates the variation in the red/yellow diamonds in the unit markings. (Dr. Cooke, via Aldon Ferguson)

## Aircraft

Serial	Codes	Arr	Dep	To
VZ478		04/03/55	14/04/55	Cat 5c (7209M)
VZ482	B (?)	12/06/52	21/07/53	610 Sqn
VZ484	H	21/07/53	01/02/57	Glos
VZ551	B	27/05/53	27/08/56	AWA
WA814	M	02/10/56	15/02/57	12 MU
WA831	N	18/11/55	15/02/57	12 MU
WA929	L	18/10/55	15/02/57	12 MU
WE899	J	03/04/52	29/12/55	AWA
"	J	06/07/56	15/02/57	12 MU
WE970	G, H	03/04/52	15/11/53	Cat 3 32 MU
WF643	F	03/08/56	15/02/57	12 MU
WF649	F	25/02/54	10/05/54	Ayro
WF741	E	21/04/52	26/10/56	Glos
WF758	Q	31/10/55	15/02/57	12 MU
WH359	K	04/04/52	28/10/55	FRL
"	K	02/03/56	15/02/57	12 MU
WH365	D	28/03/52	02/02/56	FRL
WH368	B (?)	31/03/52	01/09/52	41 Sqn
WH381	G	24/03/52	17/05/56	FRL
"	G	17/09/56	15/02/57	12 MU
WH398	C (?)	10/03/52	11/10/52	Cat 4 FRL
WH421	M	21/10/55	26/07/56	Cat 5 (a)
WH503	F	28/03/52	14/10/55	FRL
WH504	E (?)	28/03/52	21/04/52	Hooton Park S/F
WH505	A	17/03/52	02/02/56	FRL
WK647	D (?)	17/03/52	27/03/52	8 MU
WK852	C	10/12/52	31/10/55	AWA
"	C	27/04/56	15/02/57	12 MU
WL110	P	??/07/56	26/02/57	12 MU

(a) Overshot runway and hit wall at Ta Kali Malta.

## 615 (County of Surrey) Squadron Biggin Hill

615 shared Biggin Hill with 600 (City of London) after both were reformed as Auxiliary squadrons on 10 May 1946, and thereafter flew Spitfire 14s, 21s, and 22s before becoming jet propelled with Meteor F.4s in 1950. On 29 March 1951 they were joined by a Regular squadron, No. 41, which took up residence at Biggin with its new Meteor F.8s, and on 24 September that year the first F.8s were issued to 615 with the arrival of no less than eight examples that day – perhaps reflecting the importance of bolstering UK air defence that year in the after-shock of the Korean War in 1950. Two more examples were delivered shortly afterwards to bring strength to the established complement of 10, plus two T.7s that had been on strength since the summer of 1950 with the advent of Meteor 4s, (most of which were soon displaced by the new F.8s).



A formation of 615 Sqn Meteor 8s led by WF684/A and WF685/B, both delivered to the unit on 24 September 1951. (Ray Sturtivant)