

# FLYING COLOURS OF THE 'FIFTIES

*Inevitably age has affected the quality and colour fastness of some of the photographs in this section, which we trust will not detract from their interest and rarity.*



72 Sqn Vampire FB.5s at Dijon on 27 March 1952 including VZ872. (Sydney Hyams)



Preserved Vampire F.3 VT812 in the markings of 'N', 601 Sqn displayed at Abingdon 14 June 1968. (Alfie Alderson)



603 Sqn markings proudly displayed on their Vampire FB.5s, including WA398/M and VZ848/S seen here at Leuchars. (via Dugald Cameron)



Informative scene at Leuchars with 603 (City of Edinburgh) Sqn Vampire 5s, fitted with a long-range drop tanks, being refueled. The aircraft include VV678/C, probably VZ269/J, and VZ864/G, with a 607 Sqn Meteor T.7 coded 'Q' in the background, circa 1953. (via Dugald Cameron)



Vampire FB.5s of 603 Sqn while on summer camp at Gibraltar in 1956. They include VZ865/H and WA398/M. (via Dugald Cameron)



Vampire FB.5 VV691/B of 608 (North Riding) Sqn being flown by Flt Lt Bill Goodrum, in 1953. (BG)