



# 702 NAVAL AIR SQUADRON

## MOTTO

*'Cave ungues felis' - 'Beware the cat's paws'*

## ROLE

*Aircrew and Maintainer Training Squadron for Lynx Mk 3 and Mk 8*

## BASE

RNAS Yeovilton



## SQUADRON HISTORY

702 Flight formed on 15 July 1936 to operate aircraft from the ships of the 2nd Battle Squadron. Initially operating the Walrus and Seal from its base at Mount Batten, these aircraft were later replaced by the Swordfish floatplane. Squadron status was granted in 1939, and after briefly being disbanded in 1940, 702 reformed as a Long Range catapult squadron with Seafoxes for duty in Armed Merchant Cruisers for much of World War 2.

On 4 April 1949, 702 reformed at Culdrose as the Naval Jet and Evaluation Training Unit, initially equipped with four Sea Vampires. Two months later it became the first unit to fly the Meteor.

In 1978, 702 was again re-formed, this time as a rotary wing Squadron at RNAS Yeovilton in Somerset equipped with the Westland Lynx helicopter with 2 roles. The first was the responsibility for training all Lynx aircrew and maintainers; the second was parenting the Royal Navy's Frigate and Destroyer fleet with Lynx Flights. In 1981, the parenting duty became the charge of 815 Naval Air Squadron. In 1982, both Squadrons moved to RNAS Portland where they operated successfully before returning to RNAS Yeovilton in 1999.

### PREVIOUS AIRCRAFT TYPES

Walrus, Seal, Swordfish, Seafox, Sea Hurricane, Harvard, Oxford, Tigermoth, Avenger, Sea Vampire, Meteor, Vampire, Attacker, Sea Balliol, Sea Prince, Lynx

### BATTLE HONOURS

None



### WESTLAND LYNX HAS Mk 3

#### Primary Role

Maritime Attack

#### Max Speed

150 Knots

#### Crew

1x Pilot, 1x Observer, 1x Crewman

#### Max Takeoff Weight

5,330 kg

#### Endurance

2 Hours 20 Minutes

#### Weapons

M3M 12.7mm Heavy Machine Gun

2x Mod.1 Stingray Torpedo or

4x Sea Skua Anti-Ship Missile or

2x MK11 Depth Charge



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