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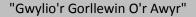
The Flying Boat Centre

Sunderland Float

This float, as fitted under each Sunderland Wing, was found in New Zealand and donated to Pembroke Dock in 1990.

It was flown to the UK by the Royal Air Force and refurbished by 201 Squadron - a former flying boat unit - at RAF Kinloss, Scotland.

Appropriately for an air station located in the west of Wales, the RAF Pembroke Dock motto is in Welsh and translates as "Watching the west from the Air."









Fokker T VIII sea planes had been flown into Pembroke Dock, From the Netherlands, after the german occupation in may 1940.

No. 320 (Netherlands) Squadron RAF was a unit of the Royal Air Force during World War II formed from the personnel of the Royal Netherlands Naval Air Service.

Formation

Formed on 1 June 1940 at Pembroke Dock, after flying from the Netherlands in eight Fokker T.VIIIW twin-engined patrol seaplanes, as part of Coastal Command. The squadron flew coastal and antisubmarine patrols in the Fokkers until they became unserviceable due to lack of spares and were reequipped with Ansons in August 1940 and supplemented in October with Hudsons. Due to insufficient personnel, the squadron absorbed No. 321 (Netherlands) Squadron on 18 January 1941.





Recovered parts of a Sunderland MK I engine are being cleaned and on display