

XR219 in winter sunshine

After the first flight on 27 September, flight 2 was not made until 31 December, lasting 14 minutes - imagine what that did to the test team's Christmases!! The undercarriage was selected 'up' and the first problems appeared, the undercarriage would not retract fully, and in some early flights it would not lock down "three greens" either.

So flight 3 - just 8 minutes, took place on 2 January 1965. This series of photos is dated 3 January, thus almost certainly showing the taxi-ing out for, and taxi-ing in from, that flight in glorious new year's sunshine. (The pictures are presented in the numerical order of the photos' reference numbers.)









