

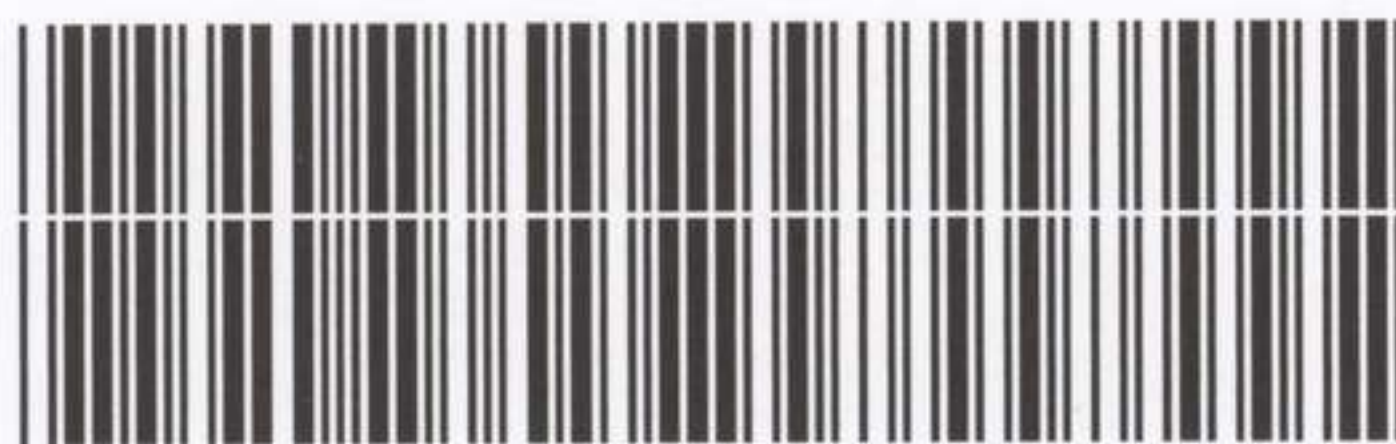
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Shawbury	Apr 1st.		<p>Weather Morning:- Windy and raining. Report. Evening:- Windy and raining.</p> <p><u>Departure.</u> 1 Flight Commander to 133 Squadron, R.A.F. Tern Hill .....</p> <p><u>Flying times for flights.</u> ..... NIL.</p>	See App 1.
"	Apr 2nd.		<p>Squadron moved from 29th Wing, R.A.F. Shawbury to 1st Wing, A.F.C. Minchinhampton. All machines with the exception of one were brought down by air. One was brought down by train. All stores and personnel were moved down by a special train which left Hadnall at 9:15 am and arrived at Chalford at 1:30pm. This aerodrome is being occupied by 6 (T) Squadron also. So far most of the buildings are only partly constructed Bessaneau Hangars are being used at present pending the completion of brick hangars. It will be some considerable time before these buildings are ready for occupation.</p>	
Minchinhampton.	3rd.		<p>Weather Morning:- Raining. Report. Evening:- Windy.</p> <p><u>Aeroplane crashes.</u> Avro Mono D93 written off charge of 5 (T) S., AFC. The pupil (Cadet T.C.R. Baker) had made a cross country flight from Shawbury to Minchinhampton, solo on a mono avro. When gliding into the aerodrome he allowed the nose of the machine to rise when turning near the ground. The machine stalled and nose dived and was completely crashed. Cadet Baker was not injured.</p> <p><u>Flying times for Flights.</u> 15 Hours 40 Mins.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Minchinghampton.	4th		<p>Weather Morning:- Dull and windy. Report. Evening:- Bumpy.</p> <p><u>Arrival.</u> 1 Officer reported for instruction as E.O. ....</p> <p><u>Departure.</u> 1 Flight Commander to 1st Wing Headquarters.....</p> <p><u>Appointment.</u> No. Aus 458 1/AM Norcross, F. to be Acting Corporal.</p> <p><u>Flying times for flights.</u> 30 Minutes.</p>	<p>See App 1. do.</p>
do.	5th		<p>Weather Morning:- Windy and bumpy. Report. Evening:- Bumpy.</p> <p><u>Arrival.</u> 1 Flight Commander from 6 (T) S., A.F.C. ....</p> <p><u>Flying times for Flights.</u> 7 Hrs 20 Mins.</p>	<p>do.</p>
do.	6th.		<p>Weather Morning:- Heavy rainstorm and very bumpy. Report. Evening:- Very bumpy.</p> <p><u>Flying times for flights.</u> 4 hours 45 mins.</p>	
do.	7th		<p>Weather Morning:- Raining and bumpy. Report. Evening:- do do.</p> <p><u>Strength.</u> 2 N.C.Os and 15 men transferred to Minchinhampton Station motor transport.....</p> <p><u>Flying times for Flights.</u> 10 Hours 35 Mins.</p>	<p>do.</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
M'hampton	8th.		<p>Weather Report. Morning:- Fair with light showers. Evening:- Fair and fine.</p> <p><u>Aeroplane crashes.</u> Avro Mono D143 written off charge of No.5 (T) S., AFC. Pupil (Cadet S.H.Deamer) was coming down to land and practicing turning <del>and</del> on and off his engine. He evidently had control of his machine but failed to notice his proximity to a tree which struck his undercarriage and the machine was completely crashed.</p> <p><u>Flying times for flights.</u> 16 Hrs 15 Mins.</p>	
do.	9th.		<p>Weather Report. Morning:- Misty, clouds low. Evening:- do</p> <p><u>Departure.</u> 1 Flight Commander to 7 (T) Squadron, AFC. ....</p> <p><u>Training.</u> 1 Officer and 3 Cadets passed Buzzing Test. <u>Graduation.</u> Cadet H.R.H.Butler graduated on Sop Scouts.</p> <p><u>Aeroplane Crash.</u> Avro Gnome C615 written off charge of 5 (T) S., AFC. Lieut F.F.Drake who was not under instruction after flying for 45 minutes glided into the Aerodrome to land. passing behind the line of sheds on the glide he found he was too low to clear them and put on his engine. When the engine started he pulled up the nose of the machine to the flying position and turned to the right. At this moment the engine stopped and he went into a spin. He got the machine out of the spin but hit a hedge which turned the machine over and it was completely crashed. Lieut F.F.Drake was not injured.</p> <p><u>Flying times for flights.</u> 9 Hrs 30 Mins.</p>	<p>See App L</p>

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M'Hampton	10th		<p>Weather Morning:- Very misty and raining.            Report. Evening:- Misty and heavy rain.</p> <p><u>Arrivals.</u> 2 men reported from A.F.C. Depot .....</p> <p>Flying times for Flights. NIL.</p>	See App 1.
do.	11th		<p>Weather Morning :- Misty with heavy rain.            Report. Evening:- Raining unfit for flying.</p> <p><u>Arrival.</u> 1 pupil reported for instruction in aviation .....</p> <p><u>Strength.</u> 1 man struck off strength .....</p> <p>Flying times for flights NIL.</p>	do. do.
do.	12th.		<p>Weather Morning:- Misty up to 10am then good for instruction.            Report. Evening:- Good for instruction.</p> <p><u>Punishments.</u> No. Aus 12075 1/AM TOBY, F.J. "Whilst on Active Service" Absent from duty from 4:30pm. Awarded 6 days C.B. by Major H.A. Petre D.S.O., M.C. on 12.4.1918.            No. Aus 18720 1/AM PATERSON, G.V. as above.</p> <p><u>Aeroplane crashes.</u> 1. The pupil Cadet R.F. Woods had been flying avro Mono D4340 for about 30 mins. and was practicing straight glides into the Aerodrome, though his instructor had told him not to do this. At the third attempt he came short, his engine would not pick up and he just managed to pancake over the boundary wall. The under-carriage was crashed and the machine stood on its nose damaging both bottom planes.            2. The pupil Cadet F.B. Conroy was flying Avro Mono D142 and the right hand tyre came off after the aeroplane had landed, the machine swerved and then slowly went on to its nose. Not much damage was sustained to the aeroplane. In both cases the pilots were not injured.</p> <p>Flying times for Flights 24 Hours 55 Mins.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
M'hampton	13th		<p>Weather Report. Morning:- very misty fair for instruction. Evening:- Very misty.</p> <p><u>Training.</u> 2 Officers and 3 cadets passed buzzing test.</p> <p><u>Arrival.</u> 1 Officers reported his arrival as acting Adjutant. ....</p> <p><u>Flying times for Flights.</u> 8 Hrs 5 Mins.</p>	See App 1.
do.	14th		<p>Weather Report. Morning:- Easterly gale very gusty. Evening:- Easterly gale no good for instruction.</p> <p><u>Training.</u> 2 Officers &amp; 1 Cadet passed Buzzing test.</p> <p><u>Flying times for Flights.</u> 1 Hr 55 Mins.</p>	
do.	15th		<p>Weather Report. Morning: very gusty no good for instruction. Evening:- same as morning.</p> <p><u>Training.</u> 1 Cadet passed buzzing test.</p> <p><u>Flying times for Flights.</u> 8 Hours.</p>	
do.	16th		<p>Weather Report Morning:- Continuous rain, no good for instruction. Evening:- Continuous rain.</p> <p>Flying times for flights --- NIL.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
M'Hampton	17th.		<p>Weather Report. Morning:- Station Holiday. Evening:- do. do.</p> <p><u>Arrival.</u> 1 Officer (pupil) reported for instruction in aviation.....</p> <p><u>Punishment.</u> No. aus. 3637 1/AM Underwood, C.A. "Whilst on Active Service" Absent from his unit since midnight 17.4.18 until apprehended by Military Police on New Station, N'Ham about 2:45 am. 18.4.18. Award. Admonished by Major H.A. Petre, D.S.O.M.C..</p> <p><u>Strength.</u> 1 man struck off strength. ....</p> <p><u>Flying times for flights.</u> Nil.</p>	<p>See App 1.</p> <p>do.</p>
do.	18th		<p>Weather Report. Morning:- Low clouds and strong wind. Evening:- Very windy. reported</p> <p><u>Arrivals.</u> 2 Officers' for instruction in aviation.....</p> <p><u>Flying times for Flights.</u> 10 Hours 10 Mins.</p>	<p>do.</p>
do.	19th.		<p>Weather Report. Morning:- Morning bumpy and strong wind. Evening:- Fair.</p> <p><u>Flying times for flights.</u> 17 Hours 10 Mins.</p>	
do.	20th		<p>Weather Report. Morning:- Frequent rain and misty. Evening:- Frequent rain showers.</p> <p><u>Transfer.</u> 1 Cadet posted to 6 (T) S., A.F.C. for further instruction in aviation .....</p> <p><u>Flying times for flights.</u> 9 Hours 5 Mins.</p>	<p>do.</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
M'hampton	21st		<p>Weather Report. Morning:- Raining and misty. Evening:- do. do.</p> <p><u>Training.</u> 1 Officer passed buzzing test. <u>Flying times for flights</u> NIL.</p>	
do.	22nd		<p>Weather Report. Morning:- dull clouds low. Evening:- Good.</p> <p><u>Departure.</u> 1 Officer (Acting Adjutant) to A.I.F. Headquarters.....</p> <p><u>Training.</u> 6 Officers and 1 Cadet passed Vickers Gun test (D)</p> <p><u>Strength.</u> 1 N.C.O. transferred to 1st Wing, A.R.S. ....</p> <p><u>Flying times for Flights.</u> 21 Hours 5 Mins.</p>	<p>See App 1.</p> <p>do.</p>
do.	23rd		<p>Weather Report. Morning:- Good. Evening:- Fair for instruction.</p> <p><u>Graduation</u> Cadet G.S.Walker graduated on Sop Scouts.</p> <p><u>Flying times for Flights.</u> 20 Hours 30 Mins.</p>	
do.	24th		<p>Weather Report. Morning:- Fine. Evening Fine.</p> <p><u>Arrivals.</u> 2 Officers from 6 (T) S., and 7 (T) S.....</p> <p><u>Training.</u> 14 Officers and 4 Cadets passed Lewis Gun Test No.6.</p> <p><u>Graduations.</u> Cadets H.W?Ross and F.C.Pye graduated on Sop Scouts.</p> <p><u>Flying times for Flights.</u> 18 Hours 45 Mins.</p>	<p>do.</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
M'hampton	25th		<p>Weather Report. Morning &amp; Evening Fine (ANZAC DAY). Squadron Holiday.</p> <p>A holiday for the Wing. Sports commenced at about 11am and continued till about 6:30pm. The personnel from Leighton where No. 7 &amp; 8 Training Squadrons are stationed were brought over to Minchinhampton Station. Representatives from the A.F.C. Depot Wendover came down for the day to take part in the sports, a very pleasant day was enjoyed by all. A challenge cup presented by Lieut Colonel W.O. Watt O.C. 1st Wing, AFC was contested by representative tug-o-war teams from A.F.C. Depot, Leighton Station, Minchinhampton station, and A.R.S. It was <del>one</del> won by the latter. A special Concert party <del>gave</del> from London, gave an entertainment in the evening, which also was a great success.</p>	
do.	26th		<p>Weather Report. Morning:- misty early. Evening:- good later.</p> <p><u>Flying times for Flights.</u> 21 Hours 15 Mins.</p>	
do.	27th		<p>Weather Report. Morning:- (Early) misty, (later) good for instruction. Evening:- Misty otherwise good for instruction.</p> <p><u>Flying times for flights.</u> 20 Hours.</p>	
do.	28th.		<p>Weather Report. Morning:- Fair for instruction. Evening:- Misty. Very strong wind unfit for instruction.</p> <p><u>Departure.</u> Major H.A. Petre, D.S.O., M.C. (Late Squadron Commander to 95 Squadron, R.A.F.)</p> <p><u>Arrival.</u> Major R.S. Brown, AFC. (New Squadron Commander from Expeditionary Force)</p> <p><u>Flying Times for Flights.</u> 15 Hours 45 Minutes.</p>	<p>See App 1. do.</p>



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
M'hampton	29th		<p><u>Weather Report.</u> Morning:- Very windy, poor for instruction. Evening:- do. do.</p> <p><u>Departure.</u> 1 Officer to 7 (T) S., AFC.....</p> <p><u>Training.</u> 3 Officers passed <del>low</del> Vickers Gun Test E2.</p> <p><u>Strength.</u> 1 N.C.O. struck off strength. ....</p> <p><u>Flying Times for Flights.</u> 12 Hours 55 Mins.</p>	<p>See App 1.</p> <p>do.</p>
do.	30th		<p><u>Weather Report.</u> Morning:- Windy Evening:- Fair for instruction.</p> <p><u>Strength.</u> 1 Man proceeded to A.F.C. Depot for overseas. ....</p> <p><u>Flying times for flights.</u> 13 Hours 35 Mins.</p>	<p>do.</p>

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Strength at 31st March.

Capt. A.M.Wynne proceeded to 133 Squadron, RAF. Tern Hill. 1.4.18.  
2/Lieut G.S.E. Lees reported for instruction as Equipment Officer 4.4.18.  
Capt H.N.Wrigley, AFC. to 1st Wing Headquarters for disposal 4.4.18.  
Capt F.E.Tregilles, AFC reported from 6 (T) S. 5.4.18.

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Strength to 7th April, 1918.

Lieut S.H.Harper proceed to Beaufort War Hospital 8.4.18.  
Capt F.E.Tregilles, AFC to No. 7 (T) Squadron 9.4.18.  
Lieut T.E.Rand returned from School of Special Flying Gosport, 8.4.1918.  
2/N.C.Os 15 O/Ranks to Minchinhampton Transport Section 7.4.1918.  
No.1578 1/AM Anderson, R.L. and 1083 2/AM Price, R. struck off strength from 30.3.18 and 29.3.18 respectively.  
No.Aus 32400 2/AM Jeffery, N.F. Armourer and No.Aus 2669 2/AM George, R.S. ditto reported their arrival from A.F.C.Depot Wendover 10.4.18.  
Cadet A.J.W.Crawford reported from Group Pool 11.4.18.  
No.19 1/AM Peters, G.H. struck off strength from 11.4.18.

35 129.

To 14th April, 1918.

Lieut S.H.Harper returned from Beaufort War Hospital 15.4.18.  
Lieut McCleery, E.P.E. and 2/Lieut McCulloch, A.F.G. reported on 16.4.18 for higher instruction.  
No.1944 2/AM Steel, F.P. Magneto Repairer and No.2167 2/AM Hall I.S. fitter, engine reported from A.F.C.Depot Wendover 18.4.18.  
No.Aus1914 2/AM Lobb, S.R. to Minchinhampton Station Transport 17.4.18.  
Lieut F.A.Butterworth from Group Pool to No. 5 (T)VS., A.F.C. 16.4.18 for further instruction in aviation.  
Lieut L.Wharton admitted Tetbury Cottage Hospital on 20.4.18 (Aeroplane Accident).  
Cad t E.K.Denton to 6 (T) S with effect from 20.4.18 for further instruction.  
No.4296 2/AM Diffen, J. struck off strength 17.4.18 on being away from this Squadron 28 Days.  
No. 1366 2/AM Borgman, L.F.H. fitter on proceeding ~~AFC~~ Depot for service overseas is struck off strength from 18.4.18.

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Lieut G.H.leslie, M.C. reported from 1st Wing Headquarters on 13.4.18 as Acting Adjutant (Super). To 21st April, 1918.



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Strength at 21st April.

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Lieut F.F. Drake proceed to A.I.F. Headquarters on 20.4.18.

No. 51 Sergt J. Stubbs, struck off strenght of this Squadron on being trasferred to 1st Wing ARS Leighterton. 22.4.18.

Lieut L.E. Taplin and Lieut J.W. Baxter from 7 (T) S., and 6 (T) S., respectively for further instruction in aviation 24.4.18.

No. 6359 Corp J.L.L. Waterhouse proceed to AFC Headquarters for disposal 29.4.18.

Major R.S. Brown reported No. 5 (T) to Command. Vice Major H.A. Petre, D.S.O., M.C. 28.4.18.

Major H.A. Petre relinquished command of this Squadron 28.4.18 and proceeded to 95 Squadron, R.A.F., Shotwick, Queensferry .

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Total to 28th April. 1918.

No. 7826 2/AM H. Rathborne to AFC Depot Wenndover 30.4.18 Fitter for overseas.

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Total to 30th April, 1918.

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HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES FOR MONTH OF APRIL '18.  
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No.	Rank.	Name.	Admitted.	Discharged.
1635	2/AM.	PURCELL, J.H.	26.3.1918, Prees Heath Military Hospital.	23.4.1918.

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 Captain,  
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