

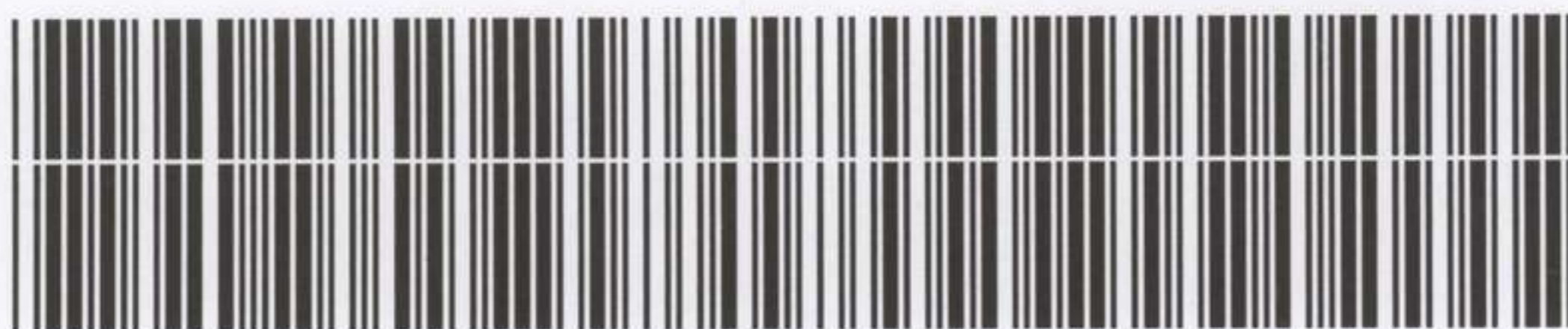
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Place	Date 1918	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Minchinhampton	May	1.	<p>Fortnightly holiday.</p> <p>2. Lieut. V.P. Barbat transferred from Western Group Command Non-Effective Officers Pool to No. 7 Group Non-Effective Pool. Lieut. W.S. Martin struck off strength on proceeding to Scout Pool, Ayr. The following machines have been received from A.R.S. Leighterton. SE5.B/128 with 180 Hispano Suiza Python 2, Engine 657 W.D. 8232. SE5.B/129 with 180 Hispano Suiza Python 2, engine 693, W.D. 8268. SE5. B/133 with 180 Hispano Suiza Python 2, engine 670, W.D. 8245. Avro 1e Rhone B/8744 with 110 le Rhone engine 101088 W.D. 44522. Avro Mono B/3107 without engine. SE5. B/127 with 180 Hispano Suiza Python 2 engine 670, W.D. 8217. The following engines have been received: 180 Hispano Suiza 6248 W.D. 58601. The following engine has been despatched to Regents Park, London: 80 Gnome 28753 W.D. 3441. The following machines have arrived from A.R.S. Leighterton: Mono Avro B/3107 without engine. SE5. B/129 with 180 Hispano Suiza engine 693, W.D. 8268. The following engines has been despatched to A.R.S. Leighterton: 80 Clerget engines 1157 W.D. 11159 and 1157 W.D. 11160. 130 Clerget engines R/1082 W.D. 6293 and R/1428 W.D. 11577. The following engine has been despatched to O.C. No. 3 (W) A.R.D.R.A.F. Yate: 100 Mono 30101 W.D. 5501.</p> <p>No. 3184 1AM. Maher L.E. Fitter (Eng) struck off strength to A.F.C. Hqs. No. 31 Cpl. F. Niskanen Rigger, taken on strength from A.F.C. Depot.</p> <p>3. Lieut. (Temp Capt) L.H. Holden, A.F.C. transferred to 6 T.S. from 2nd Squadron, A.F.C. B.E.F. and to retain Temp. rank of Captain. Sop Scout B/7507 without engine reallocated to A.R.S. Minchinhampton, 30-4-18. The following appointments and promotions made with effect from 1-5-18: No. 1133 Sgt. Williams, V.J. to be F/Sgt. No. 1599 Cpl. Thomas, F.J. to be Sgt. Nos. 10377 1AM. Ross, R.S. - 31 1AM. Niskanen, F. and 3416 1AM. Mackay, R.S. to be Corporals. Nos. 1645 2AM. Solano, A.M. - 14825 2AM. Phillips, F.B. - 510 2AM. Lidgett, T. - 1445 2AM. Fernes, S.H. to be 1st A.Ms.</p> <p>4. Lt. V.P. Barbat taken on strength from No. 7 Group Non-Effective Officers Pool. Commencing today Reveille 6 a.m. Roll Call 6.15 a.m. Breakfast 6.45 a.m. to 7.15 a.m. Working parades 7.30 a.m. 1172 Sgt. Anderson, N.L. to be Actinf Flight Sergeant.</p> <p>5. Sunday - nothing to report.</p> <p>6. Nothing to report.</p>	

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	May 1918	7.	2/Lt. S.P. Calder taken on strength from No. 6 T.S., R.A.F. Montrose. Capt. A.M. Jones and Lt. A.H. Mc.L. Paterson struck off strength to A.F.C. Headquarters. The following N.C.O and men having been in Hospital over 30 days are struck off strength of 6 T.S. 3864 Cpl. Kenny J. - 11202 LAM. Dangerfield J. 1901 2AM. Grear, H.H. 3184 LAM. Maher L.M. Fitter Eng. taken on strength from A.F.C. Hqrs.	
		8.	The following Cadets are taken on strength from A.F.C. Depot Wendover; Cadets F.T. Offer, J.N. Brown, F. Piper, O.D. Shepherd, Cadet J.S. Disney appointed 2/Lieut. on graduation. The following machines having arrived from places shown are taken on charge: Avro Mono C/4465 without engine from A.R.S. M'hampton. Avro 1e Rhone B/8744 with 110 le Rhone engine 101068 WD. 44522 from A.R.S. Leighterton. The following engine having arrived from Southern Aeronautics, Earnborough is taken on charge: 180 Hispano Suiza 6248 WD. 58601. The following engine has been despatched to Hyrbengine, Reading: 80 le Rhone 8256/6607 WD. 8909.	
		9.	Lieut. H.J.C. Fuller taken on charge from A.F.C. Hqrs.	
		10.	2/Lt. J. Sutton and Cdt. H. Fisher-Webster and J.S. Disney posted to 6 T.S. on graduation. No. 1285 LAM. Tate, J.B. admitted to Military Hospital, Pries Heath.	
		11.	Cdt. W.C. Colvin admitted to Beaufort War Hospital, Bristol, as result of an Aeroplane accident. Lieut. E.H. Rowe examined by Medical Board and found "Fit G.S. with Flying Duties." Avro Mono D/6 without engine and D.H.6 C/6815 with 90 R.A.F. Engine E/6048 WD. 32453 reallocated to A.R.S. Minchinhampton. Avro Mono D/7787 without engine, S.E.5 B/128, 180 Hispano Suiza Engine 657 WD. 8232, and SE5 B/133, 180 Hispano Suiza Engine 670 W.D. 8245 received from A.R.S. Leighterton. SE5a. D/3542, Sop Scout B/6090, Avro Mono D/5 and Avro Gnome C/575 have been written off charge.	
		12.	Sunday - nothing to report.	
		13.	1027 LAM. Jenkins F.W. admitted to Beaufort War Hospital, Bristol.	
		14.	Lieuts. R. Douglas, MC, DCM., E.R. Dibbs, G.E. Holroyde and 2/Lt. S.H. Haslam posted to 6 T.S. on graduation. 2/Lts. V.E. Knight, L. Franks and A.L. Long struck off strength on proceeding to No. 1 School of Aerial Fighting and Gunnery, Turnberry. Sop Scouts D/4153, D/4157, D/4170, D/4164 D/4167 and D/4171 with 80 le Rhone engines received from Messrs Whitehead, Feltham.	

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	14.	May 19	(continued). SE5a. D/3034 with engine allotted to A.R.S. Minchinhampton. 80 H.P. Gnome 225/104 despatched to No. 2 S.D. R.A.F. South Kensington.	
	15.		Fortnightly holiday.	
	16.		Lieut. G.C. Sands taken on strength from A.F.C. Hqrs. Avro Mono D/7787 with 100 Mono Engine 30066 W.D. 2209 received from A.R.S. Leighterton. 80 le Rhone 10010 W.D. 15340 received from A.I.D. Berworks, Harles. 80 le Rhone 31983 W.D. 19811 despatched to Hybengine, Reading. No. 20349 2AM. Stone F.A. and 3223 2AM. Purdon W.L. struck off strength to A.F.C. Depot for overseas.	
	17.		Cadets H.A. Fisher-Webster and S.H. Haslam to be 2/Lt. on graduation. 2134 1AM. Ladhams A.D. and 1288 1AM. Tucker A.H. to be Actine Corporals.	
	18.		Nothing to report.	
	19.		Sunday - nothing to report.	
	20.		Nothing to report.	
	21.		The following Officers having proceeded to No. 1 School of Aerial Fighting and Gunnery, Turnberry are struck off strength: 2/Lts. G.G. Clarke, J.A. McKeown, E.W.J. Eastgate, J.S. Disney. Lieut. A.H. McL. Paterson struck off strength on proceeding to A.F.C. Hqrs. Sop Scouts D/4153 D/4157, D/4164, D/4167, D/4170 and D/4171 with 80 le Rhone engines despatched to A.R.S. Leighterton. The following Cadets taken on strength from A.F.C. Depot, Wendover: Cadet A.J. Stevens, G.A. Doust, L.H. Irwin, J. Cavanagh, I.A. MacDonald, F.L. Mathews. Six men struck off strength to 5 T.S.	
	22.		Avro le Rhones received d/7628, D/7630, D/7629 and D/8251 with 110 le Rhones received from A.R.S. Leighterton. Avro le Rhone D/4382 without engine and Sop Scouts B/7507 (without engines) D/4164, D/4167 with 80 le Rhone engines 32081 WD. 11909 and 2193 WD. 8016 received from A.R.S. 80 le Rhone engines 32120 W.D. 19948 received from A.S.D. c/o Daimler, Coventry.	
	23.		A/Cpl. J.M. Martin to be Acting Sergeant.	

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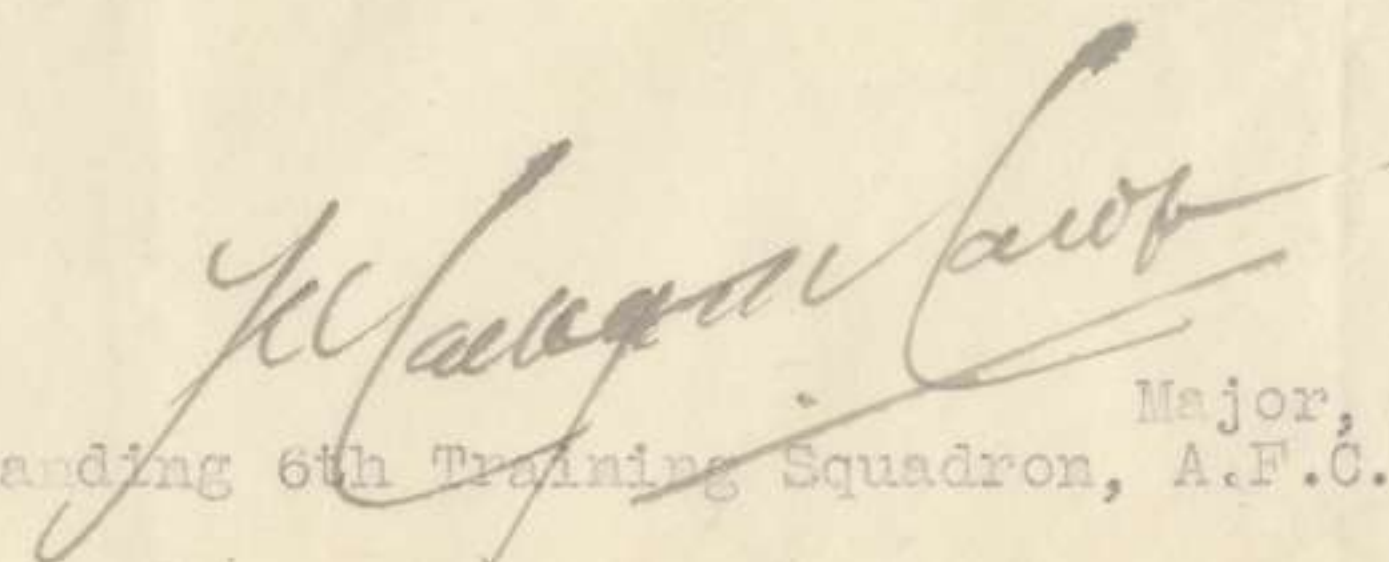
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XX.	24.	May	Cadet S.A. Round posted to 6 T.S. on graduation. 2/Lt. F.C. Pye taken on strength from 5 T.S.	
	25.	14	Major G.A.C. Cowper, O.C. 6 T.S. to command temporarily 1st Wing, A.F.C. during the absence of Lt. Col W.O. Watt. Cadet F.T. Offer posted to 6 T.S. on graduation. A/Cpl. D.A. Best reported back from R.A.F. Physical Training School, Cranwell.	
	26.		Sunday - nothing to report.	
	27.		2/Lt. J. Sutton medically boarded and found "Unfit G.S. 4 weeks, but fit H.S. Ground duties only". Capt. L.H. Holden reported back from No. 1 School of Special Flying, Gosport, on completion of Course of Instruction. Cadet W.C. Colvin discharged from Beaufort War Hospital, Bristol. 1767 2AM. Martin J.M. taken on strength from A.F.C. Depot. 3729 1AM. Cramp, R.C. admitted to War Hospital, Newcastle, (Staffs).	
	28.		Nothing to report.	
	29.		Fortnightly holiday.	
	30.		Lieut. A.G. Clark taken on strength from A.F.C. Hqrs as Asst. Instructor. Lieut. E.S. Astridge and Cadet E.K. Denton posted to 6 T.S. on graduation. SE5. B/127 and SE2 B/133 (Without engines) despatched to A.R.S. Leighterton. 5347 1AM. Gobert C.A. reported back from R.A.E. S.Farnborough on completion of Course of Instruction on Hispano Suiza Engines. 265 F/Sgt. Bacon L. and 502 1AM. Emerson T. taken on strength from No. 2 Squadron, A.F.C.	
	31.		Nothing to report.	


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MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT.

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Date of Month	Possible Flying Hours	Weather conditions making flying impossible during balance of daylight hours.	Remarks.
1.	12	Low clouds - Strong N.E. wind	Fortnightly holiday
2.	16	Strong N.E. wind	
3.	6	Strong wind with rain	
4.	10	Morning misty	
5.	12	Morning misty	
6.	16	--	
7.	3	Morning, heavy mist, with rain later.	
8.	14	Morning mist	
9.	16	---	
10.	16	---	
11.	16	---	
12.	10	Showery	
13.	16	---	
14.	10	Low Clouds	
15.	12	Rain in afternoon	
16.	16	---	
17.	10	Heavy rain in afternoon	
18.	16	---	
19.	15	Morning mist	
20.	16	---	
21.	14	Strong S.E. wind in evening	
22.	16	---	
23.	6	Strong N.W. wind with heavy rain.	
24.	5	Strong N.W. wind all day	
25.	16	---	
26.	16	---	
27.	16	---	
28.	12	Low clouds in morning	
29.	16	---	Fortnightly holiday
30.	16	---	
31.	16	---	

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DAILY STRENGTH, 1918.



Date	Officers	Othbr Ranks	Remarks
1918.			
May 1	45	134	
2	45	133	
3	45	132	
4	45	132	
5	46	132	
6	46	132	
7	46	132	
8	45	130	
9	45	130	
10	46	130	
11	46	130	
12	46	130	
13	46	130	
14	43	130	
15	43	128	
16	43	128	
17	44	128	
18	40	156	
19	40	156	
20	36	156	
21	42	156	
22	42	147	
23	46	147	
24	46	148	
25	47	147	
26	47	147	
27	47	147	
28	47	147	
29	47	149	
30	47	149	
31	48	149	
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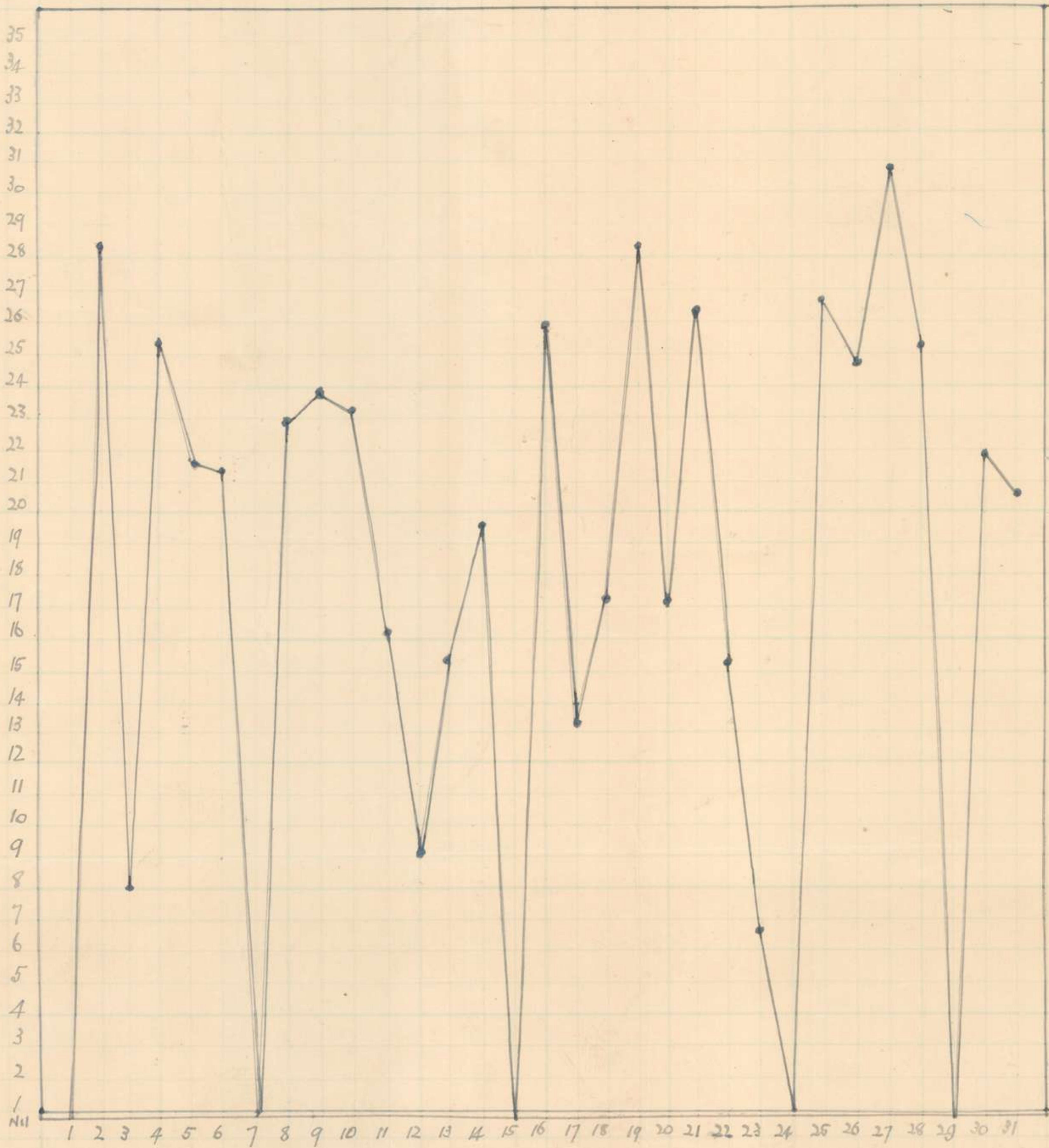
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