

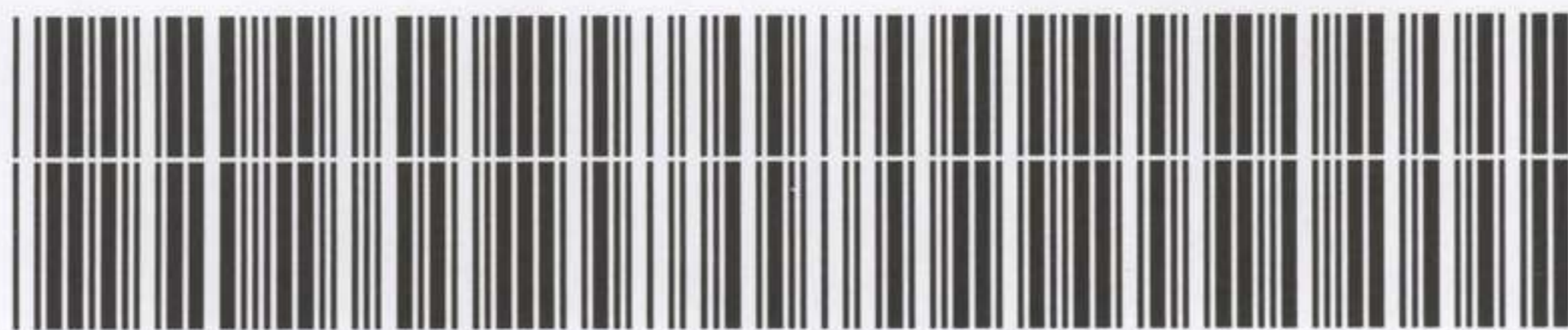
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WAR DIARY

OF

6th Training Squadron, AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.
FOR

NOVEMBER 1918

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Minchinhampton, Glos.	November 1st	1918.	Lieut. J.R. Gordon (F.O. Observer), and Cadets J.C. Sands, H.M. Cameron, and A.D. Smith reported from AFC Depot Wendover, for instruction in aviation. Time flown 21 hrs. 20 mins. Low clouds.	JW
	2nd		Owing to the heavy weather, rain and mist, only 1 hr. 5 mins were flown to-day. Corps Christmas Cards were made available for distribution.	JW
	3rd		Major R.C. Phillipps MC DFC reported back from School of Special Flying, Gosport, on completion of Course of Instruction. Lieut. Syme crashed an SE5 on landing to-day. Machine was a "write-off". Time flown 40 mins. Rain and strong S. wind.	JW
	4th		Weather was ideal for flying until 1100, when heavy rain began to fall. Time flown 19 hrs. 10 mins.	JW
	5th		2/Lt.s H.G.H. Bryan and J.N. Brown proceeded to No. 2 School of Aerial Fighting and Gunnery Marske, Yorks, for finishing course. Five DH9s, piloted by RAF pilots, landed here to-day awaiting orders. Time flown 18 hrs. 20 mins. Low clouds rain later.	JW
	6th		The DH9s attempted to leave to-day, but were forced to stay owing to the heavy fog blowing up. Seven candidates for Pilots Certificates paraded to O.C. 1st Wing, A.F.C. Tetbury. Time flown 29 hrs 5 mins. High clouds, with fog in afternoon.	JW
	7th		2/Lt. A.D. Syme and Cadet C.L. Boileau passed category "B" to-day. Lieut. A.H. Boileau crashed an SE5 near Whitney; pilot uninjured. Time flown 27 hrs. 30 mins. Fine and clear.	JW
	8th		2/Lt. F.C. Pye reported to AIF Hqrs. for Medical Board. Time flown 21 hrs. Fine and clear.	JW
	9th		Cadet C.L. Boileau had a forced landing near Aerodrome to-day owing to the propeller and boss flying off the machine he was flying, an SE5. He made a good landing. Time flown 40 hrs. 15 mins. Fine NW wind.	JW
	10th		2/Lt. A.D. Syme completed Category "R" Time flown 20 hrs. 55 mins. Fine and clear.	JW

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	11th		The news of the signing of the Armistice was received with the universal approbation evident everywhere. Time flown 11 hrs. 25 mins. Cloudy, SW wind.	SW
	12th		Flying was curtailed by the heavy rain and mist. Time flown 6 hrs. 40 mins. Rain and mist.	SW
	13th		All ranks with the exception of routine fatigues proceeded on usual fortnightly holiday. Time flown Nil. Rain and fog.	SW
	14th		All flying temporarily suspended. Weather very wet and misty.	SW
	15th		Five ferry pilots reported back from Central Despatch Pool for duty with this Squadron. Time flown 5 hrs. 25 mins.	SW
	16th		Weather cloudy and misty. Time flown 7 hrs. 25 mins.	SW
	17th		Owing to heavy rain and mist, now flying was done to-day. Ground classes were carried on as usual.	SW
	18th		Weather cleared to-day, but low clouds and mist impeded flying. Time flown 12 hrs. 10 mins.	SW
	19th		The weather was ideal for flying to-day, but rain came on late in afternoon. Time flown 22 hrs. 15 mins.	SW
	20th		Dense fog made flying impracticable to-day. All Officers and Cadets were given Physical Training in addition to the ordinary ground classes. Flying was possible early in the morning when 9 hrs. 45 mins. were done.	SW
	21st		Heavy mist. Time flown 2 hrs. 15 mins.	SW
	22nd		Eleven other ranks proceeded to AFC Depot Wexford for overseas in exchange with men coming from France to Home Establishment.	SW



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	23rd		The morning began with a mist, but cleared up a lot later. Time flown 13 hrs. 55 mins.	FW
	24th		C/M R. Londdale proceeded to B.C.Os. School of Discipline, Chelsea Barracks for course of instruction. 2/Lt. B. Irvine crashed on Avro No. E/1805. The pilot was uninjured. Time flown 6 hrs. 30 mins. Rain and mist.	FW
	25th		Lieut. J. Keating MC, the Station Adjutant, proceeded to AIF Hqrs. en route to Australia on six months leave. Time flown 12 hrs. 45 mins. Fine and clear.	FW
	26th		2/Lt. D.F. Day, Cadets J.P. Baggott, and C.C. Barry graduated "B" to-day. Time flown 18 hrs. 20 mins. Fine and clear with light NW wind.	FW
	27th		Fortnightly holiday. All ranks with exception of routine fatigues proceeded on 48 eight hours leave. The usual fortnightly holiday had been extended from 24 to 48 hrs. since the completion of the Armistice. Time flown nil. Fine and clear.	FW
	28th		Second day of the fortnightly holiday. Time flown Nil. Fine and clear.	FW
	29th		Rain impeded flying to-day. Time flown 1 hr. 50 mins.	FW
	30th		8 hrs. 10 mins. were flown during the morning. A heavy fog came up in the afternoon and made further flying impracticable. Ground classes were carried on as usual.	FW

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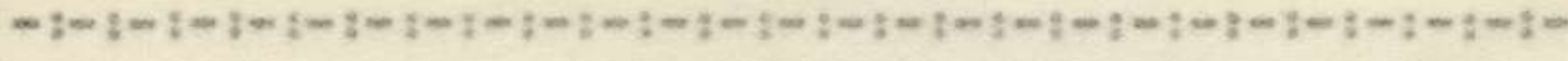
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November 1918.

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5	Low clouds, heavy rain later,	5
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8	Fine, rain later.	8
9	Fine, NW wind	10
10	Fine and clear.	10
11	Cloudy, SW wind	6
12	Rain and mist	9
13	Heavy rain, and fog.	Nil.
14	Rain early, fine later.	4
15	Low clouds	3
16	Cloudy	6
17	Mist and rain.	Nil
18	Cloudy, mist in afternoon	6
19	Fine, rain later.	7
20	Mist and rain.	2
21	Heavy mist	2
22	Heavy mist	2
23	Early mist, fine later.	4
24	Rain and mist.	4
25	Fine	8
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STRENGTH RETURN.

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1	55	16	130
2	55	16	131
3	55	16	131
4	49	16	130
5	49	16	153
6	49	16	153
7	49	17	151
8	49	18	154
9	49	18	154
10	49	18	154
11	52	18	154
12	52	18	154
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20	54	18	151
21	58	18	148
22	59	18	148
23	59	18	148
24	59	18	148
25	58	18	143
26	58	18	143
27	44	14	108
28	44	14	108
29	59	18	143
30	59	18	143

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5	49	16	153
6	49	16	153
7	49	17	151
8	49	18	154
9	49	18	154
10	49	18	154
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