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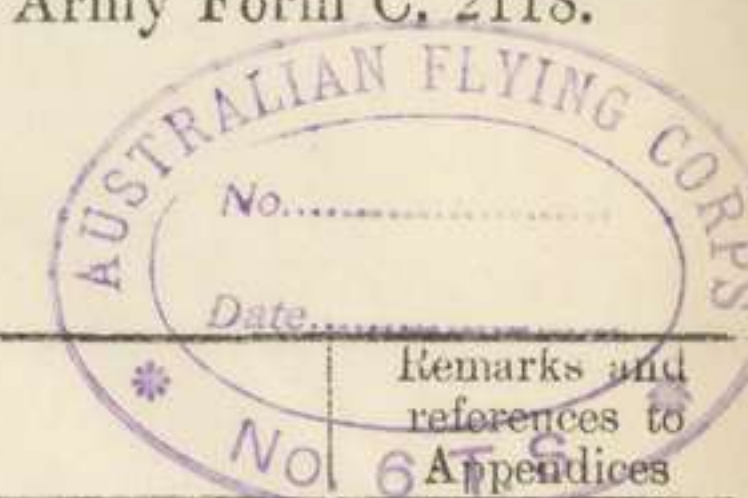
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Place	Date 1918	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Tern Hill	Jan 1st		<p>The New Year was heralded in very quietly, everyone imbued with the hope that this was the dawn of the year of Peace. At the beginning of the New year we find ourselves a well organised Squadron. Squadron up to strength in regard to personnel, though deficient in Aeroplanes We had turned out 12 Pilots during December, total of 33 during 1917, a good result for a new Squadron, which had to commence its career from bedrock. Unfortunately we had a run of unfortunate crashes 4 of which proved fatal. None of these fatalities were Australian 2 being Canadian and 2 Englishmen. One Australian Cadet (Treadwell) was struck by a propellor when alighting from a machine and was killed. We had two Sopwith Scouts allotted to us and One Avro Mono sent to A.R.S. 29th Wing. Time flown 9 Hrs 55 Mins. Machines serviceable 70%</p> <p>Total time flown during 1917 - 1606 Hrs. 30 Mins. Best month for year October - Times flown 386 Hrs 20 Mins.</p>	
	2nd		<p>Several promotions and appointments were made as follows:-</p> <p>No. (Aus) 3524 Sgt James A.K. to be Flight Sgt No. (Aus) 11918 Cpl Stratton to be Sgt " 3121 1 A/M Kerr R.W. to be Cpl " 1621 1 A/M Morgan F.W. to be Cpl. " 6279 1 A/M Walsh T. to be Cpl and 11 2 A/M's to be 1st A/M's .</p> <p>1st A/M Godfrey reported from A.F.C. Depot Wendover. Time Flown 12 Hrs 15 Mins. Machines serviceable 73%</p>	
	3rd.		<p>1 Avro Mono and one Bris. Scout allotted and one Avro Mono written off charge. Lieuts Freer, Couston and Martin returned from course at Turnberry and Ayr and Lieut Hammond proceeded to Turnberry. 2 A/M Burge admitted to Prees Heath Military Hospital (Natural Causes) Times flown 14 Hours 55 Mins.</p>	
	4th		<p>Capt A. W. Ellis awarded the Military Cross for his work with the 67th Squadron Egypt. Capt Ellis M.C. proceeded to School of Special Flying Gosport for instruction. 2/Lt Freer proceeded to expeditionary force France. 1st A/M Haigh Armourer proceeded overseas to 68th Squadron, France. Times flown 16 Hrs 30 Mins.</p>	
	5th		<p>80 Gnome engine despatched to Gordon Watney & Co written off charge. 2 A/M Lett struck off by propellor while testing engine on test bench and admitted to Military Hospital Prees Heath. No. (Aus) 113 Sgt McLauchlan W. promoted to W.O. Class 2 (S.Q.M.S.) Times flown 14 Hrs 55 Mins.</p>	

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Tern Hill	1918 Jan 6 7th		Nothing to report. Pupils times flown 29 Hrs 05 Mins. 2/Lts. Martin Nowland and Couston proceed to Expeditionary force France. 2 A/M Garner and Lindsay returned from course of instruction at Wendover. Times flown 15 Hrs 10 Mins.	
	8th		2/Lt A.C.G. Cameron proceeded to No 2 Aus School of Aerial Gunnery for course of Instruction 2/Lt T.S.O. Dealy's Medical Board promulgated - Unfit general service for one month; but fit home service for one Lt A.S. Whitehurst A.F.C. reported from 29th T.S. Shawbury for further instruction in Aviation. 100 Mono Engine 30717 W.D. 11790 despatched to A.W.R.D. and is struck off charge. Nucleus Flight of No. 33 T.S. A.F.C. proceeded to Cirencester. 2 A/M Burge reported back from Military Hospital Prees Heath. Cpl F. J. Thomas reported from 29th Wing on completion of course of Instruction. 2 A/M L.M. Craig struck off strength on proceeding to Wendover. Times flown 20 Hrs 55 Mins.	
	9th		Bris Scouts a 1750 and 5578 with 80 Gnomes allotted to 34 T.S. R.F.C. Avro Mono B 3277 written off charge of 30 T.S. 2/Lt H. W. Miller A.F.C. posted from Group Pool to 30th T.S. 2 A/M T.M. Brogan admitted to Military Hospital Prees Heath. Ten men taken on strength from A.F.C. Depot Wendover. Time flown 9 Hrs 5 Mins Sop Scout B 1764 and B 2157 taken on charge. 110 Clerget R 1128 allotted to 4 T.D.S. Lts. A.D. Manuel and A.G. Primrose proceeded to C.F.S. Upavon to fly S.E. 5's. Lt. E.R. Sly admitted to 3rd London General Hospital Time flown 1 Hour 10 Mins	
	10th		Fortnightly Holiday.	
	12th		30th T.S. renumbered 6th T.S. A.F.C. Sop Camel B 6436 taken on charge from 73 Sqdn Lilbourne. Sop Camel B 6432 written off charge. A.R.S. 1st Australian Wing formed and attached to 29th Wing R.F.C. 2/Lt G. Nowland A.F.C. taken on strength from Group Pool Capt A.M. Jones A.F.C. proceeded to School of special Flying Gosport for course of Instruction. Lt D. Ellis proceeded to Cirencester, temporarily in charge of Nucleus Flight 8th T.S. Fourteen N.C.O's and men transferred to A.R.S. 1st Wing. Time Flown 35 Hrs 30 Mins	
13th		Sunday nothing to report Times Flown 19 Hrs 25 Mins.		

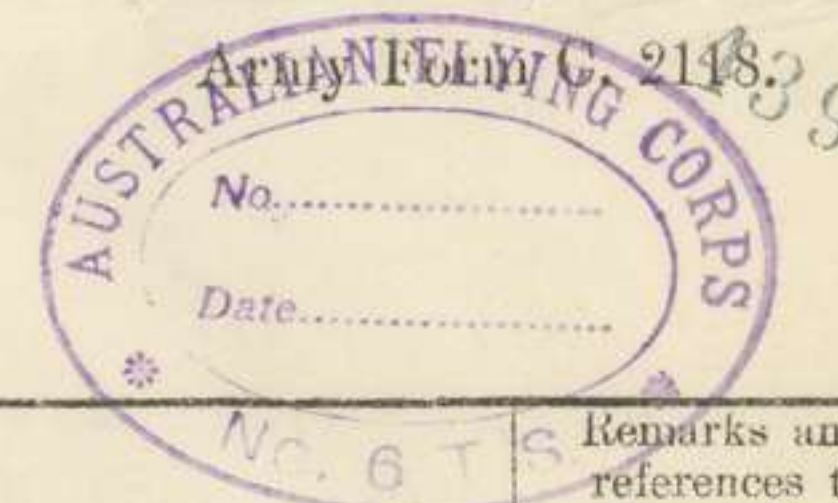
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	15th		2/Lt R.D. Manuel promoted to Lieut. Captain W. J. Cooper reported to take up duties as Adjutant. Cadets G. W. Hope and J.S.W. Lord transferred to 66 T.S. Yatesbury. Sop Scout A 6249 taken on charge from 21st Squadron Rochford. Avro Mono D7 received from Messrs A.V.Roe & Co Manchester. 100 Mono 30846 W.D. 20417 received from 59th Sqdn. 2 A/M Sampson S. reported from 29th T.S. Shawbury. Time flown 17 Hrs 30 Mins.	
	16th		Twelve Australian Cadets taken on strength from No. 1 School of Military Aeronautics Reading. Time flown 14 Hrs 45 Mins.	
	17th		Nucleus Flight 8th T.S. marched out to Cirencester. Capt L.P.Fay M.C. and Capt A.W.L. Ellis M.C. marched out to A.I.F. H.Qrs. Seven Officers and Cadets reported from 34 T.S. 2/Lt Kilburn G.E. granted permission to wear Pilots badge. 1st A/M R.M. Andrew and 1st A/M J.H. Potts reported back from 25th Wing Castle Bromwich on completion of course of instruction. 2 A/M Lutton W.V. and 2 A/M Whalan D.W. admitted to Prees Heath Military Hospital. Time flown by pupils 7 Hrs 00 Mins	
	18th		Three Officers and 2 Cadets taken on strength from A.I.F. H'Qrs and 43rd T.S. Time flown 6 Hrs 50 Mins.	
	19th		Avro Mono D 5 and Sop Camel B 9248 taken on charge . 2 A/M R.S. Mackay and G.E. Sprague taken on strength from A.B.P.O. Time flown 13 Hrs 15 Mins	
	20th		Sunday nothing to report Time flown 18 Hrs 45 Mins.	
	21st		2/Lt A. W. Adams, O.C. Barry and J. W. Davies to proceed to No. 2 Aus School of Aerial Gunnery Turnberry. Engine 130 Clerget R 1870 W.D. 14999 struck off charge on despatch to W.A.R.D. 1st A/M Moss L. and 2 A/M Fernee S.H. reported back from 25th Wing Castle Bromwich after completing course of instruction. 2 A/M Proud W.W. admitted to Military Hospital Prees Heath. Time flown 22 Hrs 25 Mins.	
	22nd		2/Lts G.M. Elwyn and R. King to proceed to School of Aerial Gunnery Turnberry. Engine 130 Clerget R 1428 W.D. 11577 from 34 T.S. to 6th T.S. Engine 130 R 1717 W.D. 14846 from	

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Tern Hill	Jan 22nd	Cont.	6 T.S. to 34 T.S. Engine 130 Clerget R 2067 W.D. 15196 taken on charge from Issuing London. Engine 130 Clerget R 1870 W.D. 14999 struck off charge. Sop Camel B 9162 struck off charge. Court of Inquiry formed to inquire into the accident resulting in serious injuries being sustained by 2/Lt R.J.T.Forsyth. Pte Percival H. marched out to A.F.C.Depot Wendover. Time flown 13 Hrs 5 Mins.	
	23rd		Fortnightly Holiday T	
	24th		Cadets F. Howard and B.B.Hick promoted 2/Lts. Engine 150 Mono 30101 W.D. 5501 received from 25th Wing Castle Bromwich. Lieut T.S.O.Dealy reported back from Military Hospital Prees Heath. 8 Officers marched out to 28th T.S. Castle Bromwich. 2 A/M W. V. Lutton reported back from Military Hospital Prees Heath. Times flown 20 Hrs 15 Mins.	
	25th		4 Officers marched out to 28th T.S. Castle Bromwich. Lieut G.R.Thompson and A.E. Robertson proceeded overseas. Avro Mono B2139 written off charge. 2/Lt E.H. Rowe admitted to 3rd London General Hospital. 2 A/M Phillips F.B. taken on strength Time flown 11 Hrs 20 Mins.	
	26th		2 A/M Whalan D.W. admitted to Military Hospital Prees Heath. Time flown 22 Hrs 15 Mins.	
	27th		Sunday nothing to report Time flown 17 Hrs 00 Mins.	
	28th		2/Lt E. D. Grant posted as an Assistant Instructor with effect from 25-1-18. 2/Lts. A.W. Adams and G. Jones proceeded overseas. Sop Camel B 2515 with 130 Clerget 1834 W.D. 14963 received from 73rd Squadron. 80 Gnome 4034/1403 W.D. 195 and 29646 W.D. 5917 are struck off charge on despatch to A.R.S. 37th Wing. 2 A/M's Caldwell A. and Burge E.J. struck off strength to A.R.S. 1st Wing. Cpl Thomas F.J. and 2 A/M Burrows S. returned from 29th Wing Shawbury on completion of course of instruction. Sgt D.M. Lowe posted to A.R.S. for duty temporarily. Time Flown 15 Hrs 25 Mins.	
	29th		Capt E.L.Simonson A.F.C. posted to 28th T.S. on graduation. Sop Scout D 5912 with 80 le Rhone 1506 W.D. 7872 taken on charge from A.A.P. Lympone. 4 men taken on strength from A.F.C.Depot Wendover. Times flown 25 Hrs 40 Mins	

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	31st		Lieut A.S. Whitehurst and 2/Lts. R.J.T. Parer and D.M. Dimsey transferred 28th T.S. Castle Bromwich. Avros Mono B 942 and D 5 allotted to A.R.S. 1st Wing A.F.C. Sop S. B/6089 is written off charge. 3957 2 A/M J.H. Williams to be 1st A/M and marched out to 7th T.S. Cirencester. 347 2 A/M A. Crawshaw taken on strength from A.F.C. Depot Wendover. 2 A/M T.M. Brogan reported back from Military Hospital Prees Heath. Time flown 15 Hrs 55 Mins.	

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Adj. No. 6 T.S. A.F.C.

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