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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Leighterton	1/6/18.		2/Lt. Deans & Cadet Deeley graduated. Total time flown-25 Hours 25 Mins. Pupils time-25Hrs 10Mins.	<del>NAH</del>
"	2/6/18.		Lt. G. F. Focken graduated. Lt. Focken crashed in RE8 E/128 & severely injured. Admitted Beaufort War Hospital, Bristol and later removed to Southmead Mil. Hospital, Bristol. Lt Corkhill returned from On Command to 1st. Wing, A.F.C. Total time flown 23 Hours. Pupils time flown 21 Hours.	<del>NAH</del>
"	3/6/18.		Total time flown. 23 hours 30 Minutes. Pupils time flown. 21 Hours 55 Mins.	<del>NAH</del>
"	4/6/18.		2/Lts. Kilburn & Faviell proceeded to A & I Co-op. School, Winchester prior to going overseas. Total time flown. 19 Hours 5 Mins. Pupils time flown. 17 Hours 10 Mins.	<del>NAH</del>
"	5/6/18.		BE2E.C/7054 with 90 RAF received from ARS. & posted to B Flight. No. 2542.2/AM. Pearson. H.F. marched out to Air Board & passed as fit. Total time flown. 16 Hours 5 Mins. Pupils time flown. 14 hours 25 mins. <i>for instruction flying</i>	<del>NAH</del>
"	6/6/18.		No. 2252.2/AM. Smith. M. marched out to S.M.A. Oxford having been passed fit for Pilot in previous months quota. 8 Cadets reported from A.F.C. Depot, Wendover. Total time flown 26 Hours 50 Mins. Pupils time flown. 24 hours 40 mins.	<del>NAH</del>
"	7/6/18.		8 Wireless Opr's marched in & attached to this Squadron. Capt L.J. Wackett reported from A.F.C. H.Q. for instruction in Art. Obs. Total time flown. 15 hours 35 mins. Pupils time flown. 14hrs 40mins	<del>NAH</del>
"	8/6/18.		BE2E.C/7037 handed over to ARS without engine. Lt. Moir reported back from Instructors Course. Total time flown. 39 hours 10 mins. Pupils time flown. 33 hours 50 mins.	<del>NAH</del>
"	9/6/18.		Lt. S. J. Moir posted as Instructor. Total time flown. 20 hrs 30 mins. Pupils time flown 17hrs 15mins.	<del>NAH</del>
"	10/6/18.		Lt. N. Clark, A.F.C. arrived from 3rd Sqdn, A.F.C. France for duty as Instructor. Lt G. Focken posted to 1st. Wing, A.F.C. non-effective Officers Pool. Total time flown- <del>100</del> "NA. Weather "Bad"	<del>NAH</del>
"	11/6/18.		Lt. Clark & Lt. Garret proceeded to Group Instructors School for Course of Instruction. Capt L. Wackett proceeded to A.F.C. H.Q. for posting overseas. Total time flown 21 hours 25 mins. Pupils time flown. 19 hours 50 mins.	<del>NAH</del>
"	12/6/18.		Wash Out.	<del>NAH</del>
"	13/6/18.		Lt. Herbert arrived from 3rd Sqdn, A.F.C. for duty as Instructor. RE8 D/1513 arrived by air from Coventry. DH.6.B/3057. with 90 RAF engine received from ARS. New Remustering of ranks in A.F.C. to correspond R.A.F. came into effect. Total time flown 13 hours 50 mins. Pupils time flown. 12 hours 55 mins.	<del>NAH</del>
"	14/6/18.		1/AM. Armour struck off strength having been in Hospital over 30 days. 16 Mechanics, various trades, marched in from A.F.C. Depot. 7 transferred to No. 8. Sqdn. Total time flown 7hrs. 10mins. Pupils time flown. 7 hours 10 mins.	<del>NAH</del>
"	15/6/18.		Total time flown. 18 hours 35 mins. Pupils time flown. 17 hours 45 mins.	<del>NAH</del>
"	16/6/18.		Lts. Kindred & Brown late 3rd Sqdn reported for duty from A.F.C. H.Q. Cadet C.C. Lewis graduated "A" on RE8.2 W'less Oprs transferred to Wing. H.Q.	<del>NAH</del>



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L'ghton.	16/6/18.	continued.	Total time flown. 25 hours 5 mins. Pupils time flown. 23 hours 10 mins.	
"	17/6/18.		Lt. Palstra. "MC" reported from No. 5. T.S. Total time flown. 46 hours 30 mins. Pupils time flown. 39 hours 30 mins.	
"	18/6/18.		Total time flown 32 hours 5 mins. Pupils time flown. 28 hours 30 mins.	
"	19/6/18.		Cadet Burnell admitted to Tetbury Cottage Hospital. Total time flown. 19 hours 20 mins. Pupils time flown. 17 hours 25 mins.	
"	20/6/18.		F/Sgt King "MM" (A/DSM) returned from Disciplinary course at Netheravon. Total time flown 32 hours 40 mins. Pupils time flown 31 hours 25 mins.	
"	21/6/18.		Total time flown 19 hours 25 mins. Pupils time flown. 17 hours 25 mins.	
"	22/6/18.		Total time flown 8 hours 15 mins. pupils time flown 6 hours 25 mins.	
"	23/6/18.		Lts. Clark & Garrett reported back from Course of Instruction at Old Sarum. Total time flown 12 hours. Pupils time flown 10 hours 20 mins.	
"	24/6/18.		Lt. Dobson reported from A.F.C. Depot for instruction in Aviation. BE2E.C/7038. handed over to ARS. Lt. N. Clark appointed Act Flight Commander. Total time flown 28 hours 50 mins. Pupils time flown. 23 hours 35 mins.	
"	25/6/18.		Cadet Burnell reported back from Hospital. Lt. J.C. Bell graduated on RE8. 20 other ranks marched into Station from A.F.C. Depot for fatigue duties, etc. & 5 Armourers (untrained). Total time flown. 42 hours 10 mins. Pupils time flown. 39 hours 55 mins.	
"	26/6/18.		Lts. Crocker, Paull, Viner, reported from A.F.C. Depot for instruction in Aviation. 2/Lt. S. Hawke admitted to Cottage Hospital, Tetbury. Total time flown. 10 hours 35 mins. Pupils time flown. 9 hours 50 mins.	
"	27/6/18.		Wash Out.	
"	28/6/18.		Cadet J.B. Tait graduated "A" on RE8. Lt. Elwyn late 4th Sqdn, A.F.C. reported his arrival for instruction in 2 seater machine with a view to flying B.F's. Total time flown. 26 hours 25 mins. Pupils time flown. 23 hours 5 mins.	
"	29/6/18.		A/Cpl Paterson marched out to Course of Rigging at Reading. 10 Other Ranks marched into Station from A.F.C. Depot for fatigue duties &c. Total time flown. 42 hours 10 mins. Pupils time flown. 40 hours.	
"	30/6/18.		Cadet Gornall graduated "A" on RE8. 2/Lt DR. Williams reported back from non-effective pool. Lts. Bell, Fossett & Fraser graduated "A" on RE8. RE8 C/2660. received by air from Coventry. Total time flown. 45 hours. Pupils time flown 42 hours 5 mins.	
Totals for Month.			Total time 660 hours 40 mins. Pupils 600 hours 25 mins.	



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Leighterton.			<p>of June</p> <p><u>SUMMARY.</u> Work was seriously interfered with during the latter half/by the influenza epidemic, which caused 2 out of the 5 flying instructors, all the ground instructors, and over 60% of Pupils and Mechanics to be ineffective for an average of about 4 <del>weeks</del> to 5 days. Mechanics, and about a week for Instructors and Pupils, as they were in most cases not allowed to fly for 2 or 3 days after convalescence. 10 Pupils were graduated "A" and only one (2/Lt. Macdonald) graduated "B" during the month.</p> <p>There was only one flying accident in the month, namely that to Lt. Focken who half-spun from about 500 feet on his second RE8 solo flight. (This machine was the only "Write Off" for the month). Lt. Focken was seriously injured but is now progressing very well at Southmead X Hospital. The shortage of men was greatly relieved by the posting of 30 partially trained or untrained men from the Depot on 25th &amp; 29th ult.</p> <p>Lt. Moir was posted as Flying Instructor on 9th, &amp; Lt. Clark on the 24th, both of whom passed out very well at the Group Instructors course and have made very valuable additions to the staff of instructors, now totalling 5, whose good work is shown by Appendix A. attached.</p> <p>Lt. Garrett assisted as ground instructor, and Lt. Herbert arrived from No. 3 Sqn, but has not yet been through the Instructors course.</p> <p>The average percentage of machines serviceable remains fairly high.</p> <p>Accommodation is still short, causing a certain amount of overcrowding especially at Lasborough House (Officers Mess).</p> <p>The mens' barrack huts are <del>well</del> finished according to the plans, but the extra huts asked for to accommodate the increased number of men have not yet been approved, and in addition to a number of tents, portion of the new Officers' and Pupils' huts on the Aerodrome are being occupied by <del>the ranks</del> other ranks.</p>	<p>App A.</p>

W. R. Anderson Major  
O.O. No. 7 (T.) Squadron A.I.C.



Appen 'A'

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No. 7 Group,  
Royal Air Force.Officer Commanding,  
1st Australian Wing,  
Royal Air Force.  
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*Writing* *Instructions* Please convey my congratulations to  
the Officer Commanding No. 7 (T) Squadron,  
A.F.C., on the work done by his Squadron  
during the week-ending 1-7-18.

*Jess Donnelly Li.*  
*Appen 'A'*  
*Stanley Garrett* *Jr. / W.W.*

Brigadier General.  
Commanding No. 7 Group.  
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1st. Wing Headquarters, A.F.C.  
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July 8th 1918.

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I have much pleasure in forwarding you the reverse  
for your information.

*L. P. Jones*

Capt. & Adjut.  
for O.C. 1st. Wing. A.F.C.

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LPF/DC

*all instructors  
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