

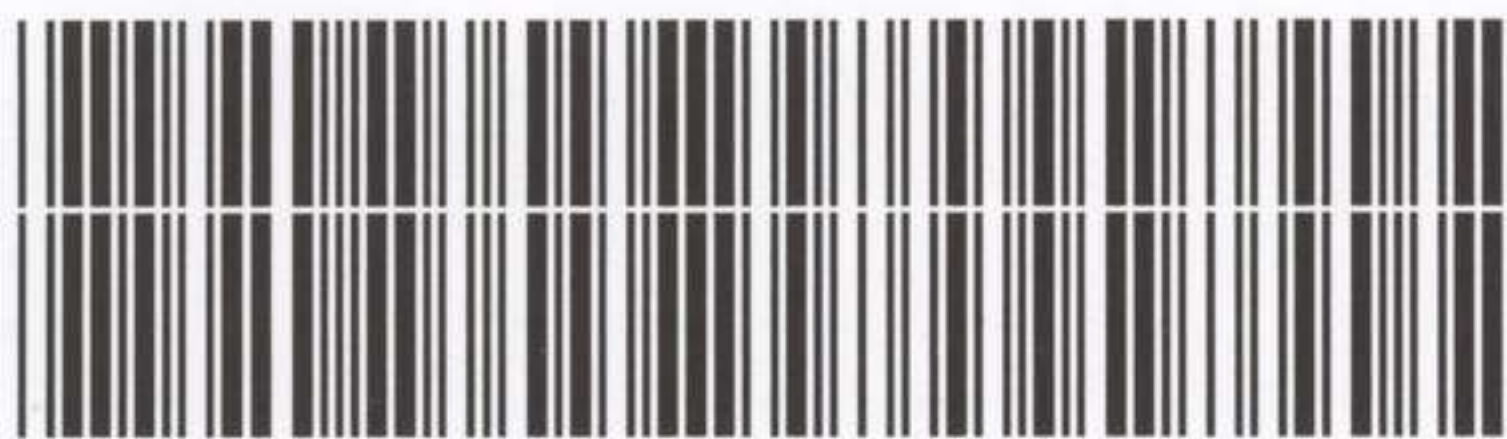
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## WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Leighterton	1/7/18.		R.E.8. C/2660 arrived by air from Coventry. Pupils time flown 36 hours 5 minutes.	<i>N.H.H.</i>
	do		Total time flown 38 hours 50 Minutes.	<i>N.H.H.</i>
	2/7/18.		5 Other Ranks of A.C.S. R.A.F. reported for purpose of installing Electric Power House Plant.	<i>N.H.H.</i>
	do		Pupils time flown 12 hours 40 minutes. Total time flown 14 hours 25 minutes.	<i>N.H.H.</i>
	3/7/18.		Lt. G. Elwyn. A.F.C. posted to Squadron. Lt. G. R. Thompson. A.F.C. and 1/AM. Banks-Smith. A.F.C. killed as result of aeroplane accident. Machines RE8 C/2627, RE8 C/2628 received by air from Coventry. Pupils flying time 15 hours <del>total time flown</del> 25 minutes. Total time flown 15 hours 45 minutes.	<i>N.H.H.</i>
	4/7/18.		2/Lt. Sansom A.F.C. posted to Squadron for further instruction from School of Map Reading and Navigation, Winchester. 2 Other Ranks proceeded <del>from</del> upon course of instruction on R.A.F. engines at Southern Aircraft Repair Depot. Pupils time flown 25 hours 20 minutes. Total time flown 25 hours 30 minutes.	<i>N.H.H.</i>
	5/7/18.		Capt A. L. Macnaughton. A.F.C. ceased to be attached upon proceeding to No. 2. Command Depot for return to Australia. Sgt. Horne & Cpl. Spike awarded meritorious Service Medal for rescuing pilot of a machine in flames as result of crash. 2/Lt. Lewis posted from this Squadron to No. 6. T. S. A. F. C. to fly Scouts (SE5). RE8 C/2675, RE8 D/1537 arrived by air from Coventry. Pupils time flown 33 hours 15 minutes. Total time flown 38 hours 10 minutes.	<i>N.H.H.</i>
	6/7/18.		Cadet J. A. Johnstone graduated "A" on RE8 for Art. Obs. Capt N. H. Hobbs "MC" 18th. Battn. posted from No. 18. T. S., A. F. C. to this Squadron for temporary duty. Lt. G. H. Kindred. A. F. C. proceeded on course of Map Reading & Aerial Navigation at Winchester. 2 Other Ranks marched out to School of Armoury, Uxbridge for course of instruction. Pupils time flown 29 hours 40 minutes. Total time flown 33 hours.	<i>N.H.H.</i>
	7/7/18.		Cadet K. W. Stronach A. F. C. killed as result of aeroplane accident. Cadet H. Marshall. A. F. C. graduated "A" on RE8 for Art. Obs. 2/Lt. G. M. Deans. A. F. C. of this Squadron won weekly Camera Gun Competition for week ending 7/7/18. Pupils time flown 22 hours 20 minutes. 24 hours 15 minutes.	<i>N.H.H.</i>
	8/7/18.		3 Other Ranks, Wireless Operators proceeded to Wendover for overseas. 4 Other Ranks reported for duty as Photographers to form Photographic Section. Pupils time flown 31 hours 50 minutes. Total time flown 34 hours 20 minutes.	<i>N.H.H.</i>
	9/7/18.		Cadet V. E. Featherstone. A. F. C. instructed to report to A. F. C. Depot Wendover. Pupils time flown 20 hours 10 minutes. Total time flown 26 hours 10 minutes.	<i>N.H.H.</i>
	10/7/18.		Pupils time flown Nil. Total time flown Nil.	<i>N.H.H.</i>



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Leighterton.	11/7/18.		Pupils time flown Nil. Total time flown 1 hour 30 minutes.	<del>12/11</del>
	12/7/18.		2/Lt. Currie. A. F. C. & Cadet W. Sedgley. A. F. C. reported from Depot, Wendover for instruction in Aviation. Pupils time flown Nil. Total time flown Nil.	<del>12/11</del>
	13/7/18.		Lt. W. V. Herbert. A. F. C. Flying Officer, reported to School of Special Flying, Gosport for a course. Lt. A. M. Stoyles, A. F. C. proceeded to A. F. C. Depot, Wendover. 1 Other Rank proceeded to course (Rigger) at School of T. T. R. A. F. Reading. Pupils time flown 23 hours 30 minutes. Total time flown 25 hours 45 minutes.	<del>12/11</del>
	14/8/18.		Lt. W. Palstra of this Squadron won Camera Gun Competition for week ending 14/7/18. Pupils time flown 11 hours 5 minutes. Total time flown 14 hours.	<del>12/11</del>
	15/7/18.		Lt. Clark, A. F. C. Appointed temporary Capt whilst performing duties of Flight Commander. 2/Lt C. C. Deeley, A. F. C. marched out to A. F. C. H. Q. London. Pupils time flown 24 hours 30 minutes. Total time flown 27 hours 45 minutes.	<del>12/11</del>
	16/8/18.		Pupils time flown 29 hours 50 minutes. Total time flown 30 hours 50 minutes.	<del>12/11</del>
	17/8/18.		Lt. N. Mulroney, A. F. C. & Lt. C. G. Williams, A. F. C. reported from A. F. C. Depot. Cadet H. W. Checkett, A. F. C. graduated "A" on RE8 for Art. Obs. RE8 D/1559 arrived by air from Coventry. Pupils time flown 39 hours 10 minutes. Total time flown 44 hours 5 minutes.	<del>12/11</del>
	18/7/18.		2/Lts. Macdonald & Deans, A. F. C. reported to School of Artillery and Infantry Co-operation, Winchester. In accordance with establishment of No. 2. Two Squadron Station, all personnel attached to this Squadron which were classed as Station Details were transferred to Station Establishment. Capt E. J. Jones. "MC" "D. F. C." posted Ex Overseas to this Squadron as Flight Commander and Instructor in Art. Obs. Pupils time flown 12 hours 30 minutes. Total time flown 12 hours 40 minutes.	<del>12/11</del>
	19/7/18.		Lt. S. T. V. Cole. A. F. C. graduated "A" on RE8 for Art. Obs. Cadet C. V. Heath & C. F. Greaves marched out to A. F. C. Depot. Pupils time flown 14 hours 15 minutes. Total time flown 16 hrs. 5 minutes.	<del>12/11</del>
	20/7/18.		Lt. S. G. Garrett, A. F. C. proceeded to report to Air Board Strand for posting overseas as Liason Officer. 11 Other Ranks (Riggers) reported from A. F. C. Depot, Wendover. Inspection of Aerodrome by General Griffiths (flown to Minchinhampton) Pupils time flown 43 hours. Total time flown 49 hours 15 minutes.	<del>12/11</del>
	21/7/18.		Lt. G. H. Kindred, A. F. C. returned from course of Map Reading and Aerial Navigation at Winchester and took up duty as Instructor in those subjects. Pupils time flown 31 hours 10 minutes. Total time flown 33 hours 50 minutes.	<del>12/11</del>
	22/7/18.		4 Other Ranks proceeded to No. 1. Wireless School, Farnborough for course on Wireless. Pupils time flown 16 hours 30 minutes. Total time flown 18 hours 5 minutes.	<del>12/11</del>



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Leigherton.	23/7/18.		Pupils time flown Nil. Total time flown 1 hour 15 minutes.	
	24/7/18.		Capt C.H.Wilkins."MC" is attached from A.F.C.,H.Q.for temporary duty for special course in Aerial Gunnery. Pupils time flown Nil. Total time flown Nil.	
	25/7/18.		Cadets J.G.Jeffreys & E.V.B.Higgins reported from A.F.C.Depot,Wendover for instruction in Aviation. Pupils time flown 15 hours 20 minutes. Total time flown 18 hours 15 minutes.	
	26/7/18.		Cadets J.I.Blakie & B.A.Fallon,A.F.C.reported from A.F.C.Depot,Wendover for instruction in Aviation. Pupils time flown Nil. Total time flown Nil.	
	27/7/18.		Pupils time flown 28 hours 40 minutes.	
	28/7/18.		Cadets G.F.Barson,N.R.Burnell,F.S.Chapman,G.A.Johnson graduated "A" on RES for Art.Obs. Lt.W.V.Herbert.A.F.C.reported back from course of Special Flying,Gosport. Lt.W.Mulroney,A.F.C. proceeded to Gosport for School of Special Flying. 2/Lt.C.A.S.Brittenden,R.A.F. reported his arrival for duty as photographic Officer. Pupils time flown 53 hours 35 minutes. Total time flown 58 hours 30 minutes.	
	29/7/18.		Capt G.H.Wilkin."MC" ceases to be attached on proceeding to A.I.F.,H.Q. Lt.W.Palstra proceeded to School of Infantry & Artillery Co-operation,Winchester. Pupils time flown 53 hours 30 mins. Total time flown 55 hours 35 minutes.	
	30/7/18.		2/Lt.W.E.Sansom.A.F.C.proceeded to report to School of Infantry & Artillery Co- operation Winchester. Cadets N.S.Donaldson and H.E.Richards graduated on RES for Art.Obs. Pupils time flown 63 hours 40 minutes. Total time flown 67 hours 10 minutes.	
	31/7/18.		Cadets F.Pamphilon,W.Swinton,J.Waterhouse,J.H.Scarr,H.T.Buckingham,L.C.Tully reported their arrival. Pupils time flown 54 hours 10 minutes. Total time flown 57 hours 10 minutes.	
			<u>GENERAL.</u> Total time flown 812 hours 35 minutes. Pupils time flown 740 hours 10 minutes. Instructors gave dual instruction as under:- Capt Wrigley.30 hours 40 minutes. Lieut Clark 26 hours 40 minutes. Lieut Donnelly 39 hours 25 minutes. Lieut Moir 40 hours 20 minutes. 2/Lt.Abbott. 44 hours 40 minutes.	
			Average number of machines serviceable daily:- 16. Number of Pupils graduated:- 10. Number of Serviceable Pilots turned out:- 8. Lts G.R.Thompson,G.M.Deans,W.Palstra,J.R.Bell, J.C.Peel,S.H.Deamer,C.E.Frazer and J.B.Tait.	



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### Squadron Commander's Summary.

(3) During the first week of July a fairly large percentage of pupils and mechanics were still ineffective owing to the influenza epidemic. In this week also there were 2 fatal accidents, the first Lieut G.R. Thompson with 1/AM. Banks-Smith as passenger in an RE8 dived too steeply while firing at the ground target and jerked out of the dive too suddenly, causing the extensions to snap off the top planes. The machine then spun from about 500 feet into the ground and caught fire. Both occupants were killed instantaneously and burnt. This, happening on the Aerodrome in full view of all, had the effect of weeding out several pupils whose nerves were not good enough. Four days later Cadet K.W. Stronach stalled low down on a forced landing on his first RE8 solo, and although the machine was not very badly smashed, his neck was broken.

A spell of bad weather lasted almost continuously from 9th. to 27th, but cleared up in time to allow the Squadron to get through ten graduations "A" and eight "B" for the month. The last 5 did not proceed to finishing School until after the end of the month, being kept back for further practice in Art. Obs. Only 1 successful "Puff Shoot" is required to qualify, but each of these pupils has done 6 in this Squadron before leaving for Winchester.

W. H. Anderson

Major,

O.C. No. 7. (T) Squadron, A.F.C.

Note:- ~~2~~ Copies of diary Squadron record books will be available for attachment to war diaries from 1<sup>st</sup> Aug.

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*Consolidated* WEEKLY TRAINING REPORT. *from 2.7.18 to 29.7.18*

*Appendix "A"*

*No. 7 (1) Squadron Light Horse.*

GENERAL.										AERIAL FIRING.				AERIAL FIGHTING	ARTILLERY				BOMBING.					Photo		WIRELESS	REMARKS.
Col. 1.	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
Sgdn. or T.D.S.	NO. OF MACHINES FITTED WITH.									No. of rounds fired.	No. of Hits	No. of Hythe Gun Camera films taken.	No. of successful H.G.C. Shots taken.	Practises Passed	Power Target Tests.	No. of Puff Target Shoots	No. of Zone Calls	No. of Recce Schemes	No. of Camera Obsc. Practises.	No. of Camera Obsc. Tests passed	No. of Bombs dropped	No. of Tests taken	No. of Hits.	No. of Pupils passed Tests	No. of plates exposed	No. of Pupils passed Wireless Test.	
	Nil	Ring Sights only.	L.G. on top Plane.	Synchronised Vickers	Hythe Gun Camera.	Camera Fittings.	Wireless.	Bomb Sights.	Bomb Gear or Carriers																		
WEEK-ENDING.																											
8.7.18	10	4	nil	2	2	nil	5	1	1	1630	44	10	70	-	31	8	138	7	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	2	Photo section all ill Bad weather. do do.
15.7.18	10	5	nil	2	3	1	6	2	1	2020	34	12	64	-	22	1	54	5	2	nil	3	2	nil	nil	nil	8	
22.7.18	10	-	nil	2	4	3	8	2	1	3230	109	37	263	-	15	7	41	3	6	4	nil	nil	16	1	36	3	
29.7.18.	11	-	nil	2	3	3	7	2	1	3870	190	39	151	2	10	16	27	4	5	4	nil	nil	14	4	162	1	

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Headquarters,  
No.7. Group,  
Royal Air Force.

Officer Commanding,  
1st.Wing,  
Australian Flying Corps.  
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I am instructed by the G.O.C. to convey to you his appreciation of the increase of Aerial Firing last week throughout your Wing.

The performance of No.7.T.S. and No.8.T.S. reflects great credit on all ranks concerned.

Will you please convey the G.O.C's congratulations to the Officer Commanding No.7. and No.8.T.S.

The increase in No.5.T.S. was also gratifying.

Sgd.....

Major,  
for G.O.C. No.7.Group,R.A.F.

Salisbury.  
29.7.18.



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### REPORT BY O.C., CENTRAL STORES.

These Stores Supply Nos. 7. & 8. Squadrons, Aeroplane Repair Section, Gunnery, Wireless, Bombing, Motor Transport and photography with the necessary supplies to carry on their work. Supplies are procured from the several Store Parks, the main being Edgbaston, Birmingham from which we get all our Aeroplanes, Engines and general Stores. Stores on arrival are checked and sorted into different bins, units procure same by means of two forms. All "A" Stores that is, nonexpendable on Army Form 108 & "B" Stores which are expendable on Army Form B 43. A system of tally Cards is used for accounting purposes. So far Stores have been coming to hand very well with the exception of Aeroplane Spares for RE8 and BE2E machines and Engine spares for 140 & 90 H.P. R.A.F. engines, this is partly owing to the fact that these machines are not being constructed in such large quantities as heretofore.

G. Walker Lt. & E.O.



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### REPORT BY STATION GUNNERY OFFICER.

#### Ground Instruction in Aerial Gunnery.

During the month instruction was given daily on Lewis & Vickers Guns, Synchronizing Gears, and Ring Sights, on an average there was a daily attendance of 36 pupils from No. 7. T. S. and 32 pupils from No. 8. T. S. Indoor instruction was given to all pupils until they reached a high standard of efficiency in handling the guns and using the sights, they were then put on the practical work on our 30 yards range, where 9000 rounds were fired during the month, nearly all Vickers firing being carried out from a rocking nacelle. New pupils arriving from the R. A. F. School of Armament, Uxbridge were very quickly able to carry on with practical work. Hythe Camera Guns have been on the Tarmac every day with an A/M to instruct in their use. Great keenness has been shown by all pupils who take a lively interest in the results. There were 750 spools taken from the ground.

#### Aerial Firing.

During the month No. 7. T. S. fired from the air in RE8 machines 11,890 rounds, the shooting being excellent in nearly every case, the record shoot being 63 hits out of 150 rounds. No. 8. T. S. fired a total of 10,888 rounds, chiefly from Camels, some Sop Scouts and a small proportion from Avroes. In most cases it has been found suitable to commence directly on Camels. Very good diving has been carried out by all pupils, due to the fact that they have had good practice beforehand in Test No. 4. Diving at target with Camera Gun, which also ensured a high percentage of hits.

#### Aerial Fighting.

Camera Guns have been mounted on all types of machines so that pupils can get use to using the ring sights on the elementary machines. Excellent work has been done in No. 7. T. S. from BE2E's and in No. 8. T. S. from Avroes. A total of 86 spools were taken by No. 7. T. S. and 80 by No. 8. T. S. for the month. The best film for the week is printed and exhibited, and very keen interest is shown by all pupils striving to outdo one another, the result is a very high percentage of successful exposures.

#### Stores.

All equipment has been drawn through the Central Stores, and generally there has been no delay in getting the articles.

#### Aerial Ammunition.

This has been good giving little trouble, with the exception of one brand. Only one propellor being shot for the month and 21,000 rounds fired.

Aerial S. A. A. "E" Eley has been bad, separated cases being rather frequent. Connecting rod lengths were tested in each case and found correct.

*Norman Brookhill*

Lieut.,