

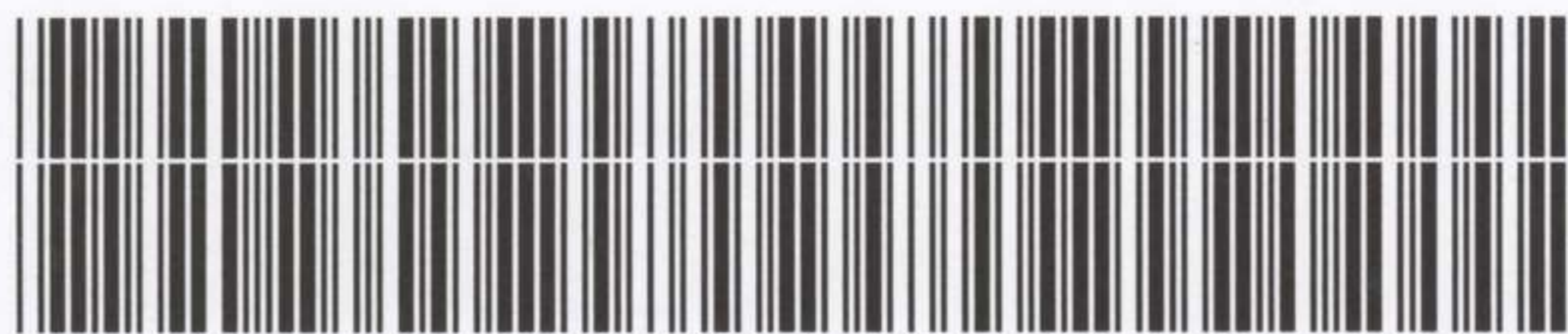
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No. 8. Training Squadron
A. I. C.

From November 1917 to April 1919.

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Halton Camp East, Wendover	24.10.17		A Nucleus Flight consisting of a Sergeant and 31 men were selected from personnel of A.F.C. Depot, and placed in charge of Lieut. H. N. Marriot, Gunnery Officer, and 2/Lieut. E. P. Walker, Actg. E. O., and were instructed to be in readiness to march out to Tern Hill, Salop on the 25th October 1917 to form the 33rd. Training Squadron. A.F.C.	
Tern Hill, Salop.	25.10.17		The Nucleus Flight in charge Lieut. H. N. Marriott, and 2/Lieut. E. P. Walker arrived at Tern Hill Aerodrome, Salop, and were attached to the 30th Training Squadron under Major. G.A.C. Cowper for Duty, discipline, rations and pay.	
do.	26.10.17		One Acting T.W.O., 1 Flight Sergeant, 1 Corporal were taken on the strength of this Squadron, being transferred from 30th Training Squadron, Tern Hill.	
do.	27.10.17		One Corporal was taken on the strength of this Squadron being transferred from 30th T.S. A.F.C. Tern Hill.	
do.	25.10.17		The Nucleus Flight was attached to 30th Training Squadron for duty, discipline, rations and pay with the object of gaining experience in Squadron work.	
do.	31.10.17		Capt. A.W.L.Ellis reported from A.I.F., Headquarters, and was posted to the Nucleus Flight as a/O.C.	
do.	8.1.18.		The Nucleus Flight consisting of 30 N.C.O's and Men, 2 Officers, Lieut. D. Ellis in command evacuated Tern Hill, and marched out to Cirencester. From this date the Nucleus Flight ceased to be attached to No. 30 Training Squadron. A.F.C.	
Cirencester	9.1.18		The 33rd. Training Squadron marched into Billets at Cirencester, and were attached to the 21st. Wing R.F.C. Work of unloading Bessonneaux Hangars from Railway trucks, was proceeded with, and reloaded into Motor Lorries for transport to the new Aerodromes at Minchinhampton, and Leighterton. Transportation was immediately begun.	
do.	17.1.18		Capt. Ellis. A.W.L. having completed a fortnights course at S.S.F., Gosport reported back and reassumed command of 33rd Training Squadron. A.F.C. Two men reported back from Hospital.	
do	23.1.18		Letter No. 4343/14/15 of 21.1.18 from A.H.Q. advised that No. 33rd Training Squadron. A.F.C.	

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Cirencester	26.1.18		would in future be known as No. 8 Training Squadron. A.F.C. One N.C.O. and 32 men marched in from A.F.C. Depot, and were taken on the strength of No. 8 T.S.A.F.C. Strength of Squadron at date :- 3 Officers and 64 men.	
do.	27.1.18.		One W.O., One Sergeant, and 28 men, a draft for No. 7 Training Squadron. A.F.C. arrived at Cirencester, and were temporarily attached to No. 8 Training Squadron. A.F.C.	
do.	30.1.18		R.W.O. Jones. R. marched in from A.F.C. Depot, and was taken on the strength of No. 8 T.S.A.F.C. One F/Sgt, and 4 men marched in from A.F.C. Depot for No. 7 T.S., and were temporarily attached for Duty, Rations and Pay.	
do.	31.1.18		T.W.O. Heath. C.V. Aus. 2., marched in from A.F.C. Depot, and was taken on the strength of No. 8 T.S.A.F.C.	
do.	31.1.18		No. Aus. 22935. 2a/m. Hogg. J. was marched out under escort to A.F.C. Depot, and struck off the strength of No. 8 T.S.A.F.C., on account of his undesirable behaviour.	
do.	31.1.18		Work of transporting, and erecting Bessonneaux Hangars at Minchinhampton was proceeding satisfactorily. The men of No. 8 T.S. doing the work at Minchinhampton, and these men attached from No. 7 T.S. were erecting at Leighterton Aerodrome.	
do.	5.2.18		Capt. A.W.L. Ellis M.C. was promoted to the temporary rank of Major whilst commanding No. 8 Training Squadron. A.F.C.	
do.	6.2.18		Aus. 5482. 2a/m. Turnbull. W. J. reported from the A.F.C. Depot, and was taken on the strength of No. 8 T.S. as a Cook.	
do.	7.2.18		Aus. 2. T.W.O. Heath. C. V. marched out to A.F.C. Depot, and was struck off the strength of No. 8 T.S.	
do.	14.2.18		Aus. 4257. Pte. Turney. A.E., marched in from 19th Battn., Sutton Veny, and was attached to No. 8 T.S. for duty as a Batman.	
Minchinhampton.	18.2.18		The Squadron evacuated Billets in Cirencester, and moved into Huts on Minchinhampton Aerodrome. The strength of the Squadron at this date was 6 Officers, and 68 other Ranks - Attached 34 other Ranks.	
Leighterton.	25.2.18		The Squadron evacuated Minchinhampton, Aerodrome, and occupied quarters in Lasborough House near Leighterton Aerodrome.	
do.	25.2.18		Six men marched in from A.F.C. Depot, and were taken on the strength of No. 8 Training Squadron. A.F.C.	
do.	5.3.18		Thirteen men marched in from the A.F.C. Depot, and were taken on the strength of No. 8 T.S.A.F.C.	
do.	20.3.18		Two men marched out for duty over-seas, and were struck off the strength of No. 8 T.S.A.F.C.	
do.	25.3.18		One N.C.O. marched out for duty Overseas, and was struck off the strength of No. 8 T.S.A.F.C.	
do.	28.3.18		Five Officers, and one Cadet marched in, and were taken on the strength of No. 8 T.S.	

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Leighterton.	10.4.18		Two N.C.O's, and one man marched in from A.F.C. Depot, and were taken on the strength of No. 8 T.S.	
	10.4.18		The work of erecting Bessonneaux Hangars at Leighterton Aerodrome was completed.	
do.	11.4.18		One Officer arrived from No. 4 Squadron. A.F.C. as an Instructor, and was taken on the strength of No. 8 T.S.A.F.C.	
do.	11.4.18		The first three machines arrived at Leighterton Aerodrome, and were taken on the charge of No. 8 T.S.A.F.C.	
do.	12.4.18		Commenced flying.	
do.	17.4.18		Fifteen ^{men} marched in from A.F.C. Depot, and were taken on the strength of No. 8 T.S.	
20.4.18			Aus. 3156. la/m. Gates. E. N. marched out on Command to R.A.F. Armament School, Uxbridge for a course in Guns and Gears.	
do.	25.4.18		Anzac Day. All ranks attended a Sports meeting at Minchinhampton Aerodrome.	
do.	27.4.18		Lieut. McKenzie. R. W., M.C. was posted to the Squadron from No. 2 Squadron. A.F.C. as Acting Flight Commander.	
do.	29.4.18		One N.C.O. and two men marched out to A.F.C. Headquarters as prospective Cadets. Authority :- 1st Wing Letter No. 1W69/1/1 of 26.4.18.	
do.	30.4.18		Total number of machines on charge to No. 8 T.S. this date was four (4) Avros. The strength of the Squadron was :- 12 Officers (including Cadets) and 92 other ranks. Attached:- 6 other ranks.	
do.	5.5.18		Six Cadets marched in from A.F.C. Depot, and were taken on the strength of No. 8 T.S.	
do.	7.5.18		Aus. 3156. la/m. Gates. E. N. reported back from On Command with R.A.F. Armament School, Uxbridge.	
do.	8.5.18		One man was struck off the strength of No. 8 T.S., and was transferred to the 1st Wing Headquarters A.F.C.	
do.	14.5.18		One N.C.O. (Aus. 3426. a/Sgt. Ridgwell. L.A.) was admitted to Beaufort War Hospital, Bristol as the result of an Aeroplane accident.	
do.	16.5.18		Two Officers marched in from A.F.C. Depot, Wendover, and were taken on the strength of No. 8 T.S.	
			One man marched in from A.F.C. Depot, and was taken on the strength of No. 8 T.S.	
do.	22.5.18		Aus. 1342. a/T.W.O. Clutterbuck. Thomas died from natural causes.	
do.	25.5.18		The late a/T.W.O. Clutterbuck. T. was buried at Leighterton Cemetery. Chaplain. Durnford. M.C. officiating at the grave side.	
do.	23.5.18		One N.C.O. marched in from A.F.C. Depot, and was taken on the strength of No. 8 T.S. for disciplinary duties.	
do.	27.5.18		Capt. G.C. Wilson., M.C., D.C.M., and Lieut. Brasch. W. H. proceeded to the S.S.F., Gosport for further instruction.	
do.	30.5.18		One man marched in from No. 4 Squadron. A.F.C., and was taken on the strength of No. 8 T.S.A.F.C.	

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Leighterton.	31.5.18		<p>One man marched in from A.F.C. Depot, Wendover, and was taken on the strength of No. 8 T.S.A.F.C. The total strength of the Squadron at this date was :- 29 Officers (including Cadets), and 101 Other Ranks. Total Aircraft on charge :- 21 machines.</p>	

J. Ellis

..... Lt. & Adj.,
for O. C., 8 T. S., A. F. C.

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OF

No. 8 Training Squadron. A.F.C.

FOR

Since commencement of Squadron to end of May 1918.

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Major. A.W.L.Ellis. M.C. awarded the M. C. on 1. 1. 18.
(Ex. A.I.F List No. 279 dated 1.1.1918.)

Capt. R. W. McKenzie. M.C. awarded the M. C. on 17th May 1918.
(Ex. A. I. F. List No. 332 dated 17.5.1918)
