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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Leighterton	1.8.18		We commenced the month with 52 machines undergoing repairs and three awaiting write off. Today, three machines were taken on charge for repairs, two struck off charge and one written off charge of A.F.C. One N.C.O. proceeded overseas on Command with O.C. 1st. Wing. One man reported back from Hospital.	
	2.8.18		Apart from taking one machine on charge, there is nothing of further interest to report.	
	3.8.18		Three repaired machines were this day handed over to their respective Squadrons. One crashed machine taken on charge for repairs.	
	4.8.18		One man marched out to A.I.F. Headquarters to proceed to No 2 Command Depot, Weymouth for Australia.	
	5.8.18		No machines were received or struck off charge, but we can record a good day's work, in spite of a number of men on light duty and fatigues.	
	6.8.18		One badly wrecked machine taken on charge and on examination was found to be unfit for repair. We despatched four repaired machines to their different Squadrons, this being a good day's turnover. Four men were awarded 3 days C.B. each for being absent without leave.	
	7.8.18		The Section "washed out" for the day.	
	8.8.18		All ranks returned to duty, having greatly benefited by their day's holiday. We took one machine on charge, and struck one off charge. Also two machines were written off charge. One N.C.O. was admitted to 2nd Southern Gen. Hospital, Bristol. (N.C.)	
	9.8.18		Two badly wrecked machines taken on charge, These are awaiting write off. One man, who was recently struck off the strength of this Section on account of being in hospital, reported back for duty and was taken on strength accordingly. <i>(over 30 days)</i>	
	10.8.18		Two machines were taken on charge for repairs. The daily routine is altered as follows:- Reveille 6.30 a.m. Breakfast 7.0 " Parades, Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays 7.45 a.m. " Sundays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. 8.0 "	
	11.8.18		A general inspection will be held on the 7.45 a.m. parade, Mondays. Two men posted to this Section from Leighterton Station, A.F.C. One man reported for duty from No 4 Command Depot, Hurdcott. One man was admitted to Cottage Hospital, Tetbury. (N.C.) and one man awarded 7 days C.B. and forfeited one day's pay by R.W. for being absent without leave 14½ hours.	
	12.8.18		Two machines taken on charge but found to be unfit for repair, so that application for write off was submitted. Three repaired machines were struck off charge. Two men were awarded 7 days C.B. and forfeited 3 days' pay for absence without leave. Also one man was awarded 5 days C.B. for the same offence. One man admitted 2nd Southern Gen. Hospital, Bristol. (N.C.)	

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Leighterton	13.8.18		One machine taken on charge for repairs. This was quite a record day in so far as movements of men were concerned. Fifteen men were taken on the strength of this Section from A.F.C. Depot, Wendover, and one man from 5.T.S. Minchinhampton. Ten other ranks marched out on Command to our Sub-section. Minchinhampton. One N.C.O. (previously struck off strength for being in Hospital over 30 days.) reported back for duty, ex Beaufort War Hospital, Bristol. One man reported back from 2nd Southern Gen. Hospital, Bristol, and one N.C.O. and one other rank were admitted to No 1. A.D.H. Bulford.	
	14.8.18		The fortunes of the Wing of late have taken rather a bad turn, a considerable number of machines have been wrecked beyond repair, and, in some cases, attended by loss of life. Three machines, which, on examination, were found to be unfit for repair, were taken on charge. One repaired machine was struck off charge. One other rank taken on the strength of this Section ex A.F.C. Depot, Wendover.	
	15.8.18		Two further machines damaged beyond repair, taken on charge, and three machines, repairs having been effected, were returned to their respective Squadrons. The Section suffered its first loss through death by Natural Causes, of No 2494 1st A/M L.G.Cubbins. One N.C.O. reported back from on Command with O.C. 1st Wing, overseas. Two other ranks were admitted to, and one N.C.O. and one other rank reported back from, 2nd Southern Gen. Hospital, Bristol.	
	16.8.18		One machine and one engine taken on charge. Three machines and one engine struck off charge. One man taken on strength of this Section from 1st Wing Headquarters. One man admitted No 1 Gen. Hospital, Birmingham.	
	17.8.18		One machine taken on charge for repairs and three repaired machines struck off charge. One other rank was sentenced to one month's imprisonment by Stroud Court of Petty Sessions, for wilful stealing a bicycle. One man reported back from 2nd Southern Gen. Hospital, Bristol. The remains of the late L.G.Cubbins were interred at Leighterton Cemetery this afternoon, together with an Officer who lost his life as the result of an Aeroplane accident. In spite of the afternoon being very wet, there was a large attendance.	
	18.8.18		One machine taken on charge, awaiting write off. Captain W.A.Coates "MC", O.C. A.R.S. marched out on Command to A.R.S. C.F.S. Upavon. 2/Lieut F.H.Ronaldson attached for duty from 1st Wing Headquarters.	
	19.8.18		Two machines taken on charge, and, on examination, found to be unfit for repair. One machine struck off and one written off charge. One man reported back from 1st A.D.H. Bulford.	
	20.8.18		Five machines, including three from Contractors, were taken on charge. One man taken on strength of this Section from A.F.C. Depot, Wendover. One N.C.O. reported back from 1st A.D.H. Bulford.	
	21.8.18		Section's "washout" day.	
	22.8.18		Two machines taken on charge, one for repair and one awaiting write off. One machine written off charge. Captain W.A.Coates "MC", reported back from C.F.S. Upavon. One other rank was admonished, and forfeited one day's pay by R.W. for being absent without leave 10 hours.	
	23.8.18		One N.C.O. marched out to 1st Wing Headquarters for Overseas.	

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Leighterton	24.8.18		Six machines taken on charge including three wrecked beyond repair. One machine (repaired) struck off charge. Six machines written off charge of A.F.C. One man forfeited 3 days' pay for a minor offence. One man taken on strength of this Section from U.C.T.D. Parkhouse. One o/rank marched to A.F.C. Depot. Wendover.	
	25.8.18		One machine taken on charge for repairs. One O/rank admitted to 2nd Southern Gen. Hospital. Bristol. (NC)	
	26.8.18		Three machines taken on charge. C.M.M. Clayton S.G. admitted to 2nd Southern Gen. Hospital. Bristol. One N.C.O. admitted to St John's Auxiliary Military Hospital, Lewisham.	
	27.8.18		One man awarded 7 days C.B. and forfeits 3 days' pay by R.W. for being absent without leave 56 hours. One O/rank awarded 3 days C.B. and forfeits 1 day's pay by R.W. for being absent without leave 16 hrs.	
	28.8.18		Two machines taken on charge, one awaiting write off. Two repaired machines struck off charge, and one machine written off charge. C.M.M. Clayton S.G. reported back from 2nd Southern Gen. Hospital.	
	29.8.18		One man transferred to 7.T.S. Leighterton Station and was struck off the strength of this Section accordingly. One O/rank was awarded 7 days C.B. and forfeits 3 days' pay by R.W. for being absent without leave for 65 hours.	
	30.8.18		Four machines taken on charge, three being found unfit for repair. Two machines struck off charge and three machines written off charge. One man reported to this Section from on Command with our Sub-section, Minchinhampton. One O/rank marched out to A.I.F. Headquarters and is struck off the strength of this Section. One man reported to this Section ex A.F.C. Depot Wendover and is taken on strength.	
	31.8.18		There is an alteration in the working hours of this Section as from today. Work to commence at usual time, but to cease at 6.0 p.m. instead of 5.15 p.m. on all days except Saturdays, when work will cease at 12 noon.	

STRENGTH OF SECTION AS AT MIDNIGHT 31.8.1918:-

Officers 2 and 1 attached.
 Other ranks 180 " 3 "

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 A.R.S. 1st Wing A.F.C.