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Army Form C. 2118.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Leigherton	1st	Feb	<p>We commenced the month with twenty six machines in for <del>erection</del> and repair, and three awaiting write-off. Although a goodly number of the Section were engaged on work preparatory to clearing up, we can record a fairly good output. Sixteen machines were repaired and handed over to the Squadrons. Some of these repairs were heavy and took some time. Six machines, the write off of which had been sanctioned, were salvaged.</p> <p>Cadets knowing that flying ceased on March 15th, every possible moment was put in in trying to graduate, consequently quite a number of machines were wrecked. In all, twenty seven machines were wired into this Section, of which seventeen, on being examined were found unfit for repair and so the write off was submitted. As the Squadrons were handing over some of their machines to the R.A.F. the machines in question were handed to us for dismantling and disposal. We dealt with seven of these. Of all the machines wired in there were only two in for repair.</p> <p>During the month the weather was very bad. Influenza was very prevalent, and quite a number of the troops were confined to their beds for varying periods. Of the number who were down with this epidemic, six were sent to hospital. These men were in a very bad condition and two of them eventually returned to Australia. Six men were discharged from hospital and rejoined the unit.</p> <p>The discipline during this month was very good. The main case of transgression being absent without leave, and we had only a few cases of this. As the troops were informed regarding their embarkation leave and the approximate time of embarkation, they were much more satisfied.</p> <p>Owing to many of the troops putting in for Non-Military-Employment, the strength of the Section was diminished slightly. Nine men were struck off strength, and two men were taken on strength from the Depot.</p> <p>The strength of our Sect on at the end of the month was 3 Officers and 187 other ranks. As many of the men have business and other interests in England, the strength of our boat roll will be much less than this.</p> <p>The strength of the Section at 28.2.1919. was 3 Officers, 24 N.C.O's and 163 O/Ranks.</p>	

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