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68 SQUADRON . A.F.C.

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
	Sept.		<p>On September 12th. just before the squadron left England it suffered a terrible loss in the death of Capt. Muir (M.C.) as the result of an accident whilst flying a D.H.5. He was buried at Harlaxton Cemetery with full Military Honours and Lieut. G.C. Wilson (D.C.M.) was appointed to command "B" Flight in his stead. The squadron finally mobilised 16.9.17 and Lieut Tooth in charge of Squadron Transport left Harlaxton on that date, the remainder of the personnel leaving by rail on the 21st.</p> <p>On the morning of the 21st. the following left by air:- Major Watt Capt Bell. Capt McClaughry. Capt Phillips. Lieuts. Wilson, Matthews, Griggs, James, Holden, Howard, Robertson, Morrison, Huxley, Pratt, and Taylor.</p> <p>Leaving Harlaxton at 9.30 they arrived at St. Omer in France by 5p.m. the same day, this constituting an R.F.C. record for Rotary Scouts.</p> <p>The next day they flew to WARLOY and the next day 23rd. September they settled down at BAIZIEUX which Aerodrome had been allotted to the Squadron. Here they were joined by Lieut. Tooth with the transport and the Squadron Personnel and also by the remaining pilots who had come across by transport. Lieuts. Agnew, Ward, McKenzie, Sands, and Ayers.</p> <p>Here the Squadron was attached to the 13th. Wing R.F.C. commanded by Brig General T.F.A. Higgins. D.S.O.</p>	14

Pilots available 20

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Aeroplanes { S 12
U 6

SQUADRON RECORD BOOK.

Date 28th September, 1917.

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of—		Remarks
			Start	Return	
DeH5, A9464	2/Lt. Wilson	Test	11.55	12.05	Unsatisfactory.
A9284	2/Lt. Howard	,,	3.55	4.00	O.K.
A9464	2/Lt. Wilson	,,	4.10	4.20	O.K.
A9473	Capt. Bell	,,	4.25	4.45	O.K.
A9224	2/Lt. Taylor	,,	4.10	4.50	O.K.
A9245	2/Lt. Holden	,,	4.50	5.00	Gun unsatisfactory.
B377	2/Lt. McKenzie	Gun Test	5.45	6.00	Gun unsatisfactory.

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 AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

APPENDIX

Pilots available 20
Aeroplanes { S 16
 U 2.

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Total test time flown 5 hrs. 34 mts.

SQUADRON RECORD BOOK.

Date 29th Sept. 1917.

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of—		Remarks
			Start	Return	
28.9.17.					
DeH.5. A9483	2/Lt.W.Robertson	Test	6.20, pm	6.35, pm.	All O.K.
B377	2/Lt.L.Ward	Test	6.15	6.45	All O.K.
A9245	" L.Holden	Test	8.20	6.35	Gun unserviceable
(29/9/17)A9469	" A.Griggs	Gun test	9.33am	9.47am	Two No. 3 Gun stoppages
A9464	" G.Wilson	do	10.35am	10.45am	C.C.Gear faulty
A9265	" A.Pratt	do	10.25am	10.45am	Engine.Rigging and gun O.K.
A9459	Capt.McClaughry	do	10.45am	10.55,	do do
A9273	2/Lt.F.Bartlam	do	10.50am	11 am	C.C.Gear faulty
A9273	" Bartlam	do	11.10am	11.25am	do do
A9284	" R.Howard	To LeHameau	11.25am	1. pm.	All O.K. Two landings
A9245	" L.Holden	Gun test	11.40	11.50	Engine,Rigging and gun O.K.
A9226	Capt.McClaughry	do	2, pm.	2. 5pm.	do do do
A9469	Lt.Griggs	do	2.25pm.	2.40pm	do do
A9462	2/Lt.Huxley	do	2.50pm	3.10pm	Gun and rigging O.K. Engine vibrating badly
A9224	" H.Taylor	do	3.20pm	4 pm.	All O.K.
A9273	" J.Bartlam	do	4.30, pm	4.35, pm	C.C.Gear faulty
A9464	" G.Wilson	do	4.4.0	4.45pm	Engine Rigging and gun O.K.
A9464	Capt.R?Phillippe	do	4.50	5.15	do do
A9226	2/Lt.C.James	Test	5.30	5.50	All O.K.

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War time ... Nil
Test time 26 hrs. 10 mts.

Pilots available 20

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Aeroplanes { S 18
U Nil

SQUADRON RECORD BOOK.

Date 30th September, 1917.

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of—		Remarks
			Start	Return	
DH5, A9224	Capt. Phillipps	Test	6.00	6.20	O.K.
A9273	2/Lt. Bartlam	Gun test	6.20	6.30	O.K.
A9263	2/Lt. Wilson	"	6.30	6.40	Shot hole through prop.
A9462	2/Lt. Huxley	Eng. test	9.50	10.00	O.K.
A9284	2/Lt. Howard	Patrol pr.	10.50	12.05	O.K.
A9459	Cpt. McClaughry	"	10.50	12.05	O.K.
A9273	2/Lt. Bartlam	"	10.50	12.10	O.K.
A9226	2/Lt. James	"	10.55	12.05	O.K.
A9245	2/Lt. Holden	"	10.50	12.05	Successful pressure 'dud'
A9265	2/Lt. Pratt	"	11.00	12.40	O.K.
A9224	2/Lt. Taylor	"	11.00	12.40	O.K.
A9263	2/Lt. Sands	"	11.00	12.40	O.K.
A9288	Cpt. Phillipps	"	11.05	12.40	O.K.
A9464	2/Lt. Wilson	"	11.15	12.40	O.K.
A9271	2/Lt. Agnew	"	11.15	11.20	Eng. unsatisfactory.
A9271	2/Lt. Agnew	"	11.25	11.35	O.K.
A9469	2/Lt. Griggs v	"	2. 55	4.00	O.K.
A9473	Capt. Bell	"	2. 55	4.00	Magneto. 'dud'
A9242	Lt. Morrison	"	2. 55	4.00	O.K.
A9257	Lt. Matthews	"	2. 50	4.00	O.K.
A9283	2/Lt. Robertson	"	2.55	4.00	O.K.
B 377	2/Lt. Ward	"	2. 55	4.00	O.K.
A9464	2/Lt. Ayers	Test	3. 55	4.40	O.K.
A9462	2/Lt. Huxley	Practice	4. 00	4.20	O.K.
A9263	2/Lt. Sands	Gun test	4.10	4.40	O.K.
A9288	Cpt. Phillipps	"	4.15	4.40	No. 4 Stoppage.
B 377	2/Lt. McKenzie	Test	4. 45	4.55	O.K.
A9226	2/Lt. James	"	5. 00	5.10	O.K.
A9271	2/Lt. Agnew	"	5.55	6.05	O.K.

Handwritten calculations:
1.55
5.35
26.10
33.40

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APPENDIX