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WAR DIARY

OF

2nd Squadron A.F.C.

FOR

March 1919.

Signature of Officer compiling

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AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

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NO. 2 SQUADRON
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<u>FOR MONTH ENDING 31st MARCH 1919.</u>	
	March 1st		<u>STRENGTH</u> . 23 Officers, 156 Other Ranks. Proceeded to Havre via Yvetot, had dinner at Yvetot and reached destination at 3.30 p.m.	
	2nd		<u>STRENGTH</u> 23 Officers, 156 other ranks. All members of the Squadron were medically inspected, arrangements made for all to have a hot bath and to be issued with new clothing. Passed from Receiving Camp to A.I.G.B. Depot. Sgt Griffiths, Ams. Chalmers, Mayman and Williams were admitted to Hospital (Sick)	
	3rd		<u>STRENGTH.</u> 23 Officers, 152 Other Ranks. Squadron embarked about midnight for England on "Duchess of Argyll". Left Le Havre about 2 A.M.	
	4th		<u>STRENGTH</u> 23 Officers, 152 Other Ranks. Reached Weymouth 9 a.m. On proceeding to the Y.M.C.A. after disembarking we were provided with hot tea and refreshments. From there, marched to Station and entrained for Walton and on arrival there proceeded to No 6 Camp, Hurdcott.	
	5th		<u>STRENGTH</u> 20 Officers, 144 other ranks. All ranks were Medically inspected by R.M.C. 2nd AM Wigley admitted to G.C.H. (influenza).	
	6th		<u>STRENGTH</u> 20 Officers, 144 Other ranks. Sgt. Harrison, 2 Ams Tucker and Pacey were admitted to G.C.H. (sick)	
	7th		<u>STRENGTH</u> 21 Officers, 144 other ranks. All ranks were medically boarded today.	
	8th		<u>STRENGTH</u> 23 Officers, 140 other ranks. All members of the Squadron were inoculated against influenza.	
	9th		<u>STRENGTH</u> 23 Officers, 140 other ranks.	
	10th		<u>STRENGTH</u> 23 Officers, 140 other ranks. 20 Officers and 113 other ranks proceeded on 15 days furlough from 10.3.19 to 24.3.19. Five other ranks remained in camp, 3 of whom are awaiting instructions to report A.I.F. Headquarters in connection with A.I.F. Education Scheme.	

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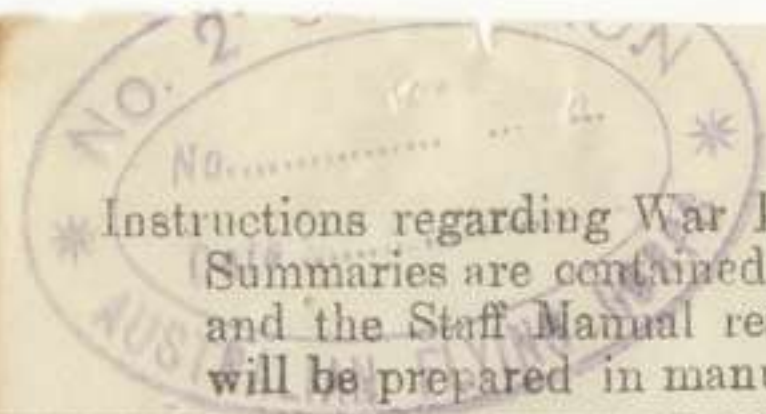
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	March 10	(Continued)	2 Am Mackay admitted G.C.H. Hurdcott (sick). 2 Am Vickers to No 1 A.D.H. (Sick)	ll
	11	<u>STRENGTH.</u>	23 Officers, other ranks 147. Sgt. Griffiths, 1 Am Mayman E., and 2 Am Williams S.R. marched in from Hospital Le Havre.	ll
	12	<u>STRENGTH</u>	23 Officers, 147 Other ranks	ll
	13	<u>STRENGTH</u>	23 Officers, 147 Other Ranks.	ll
	14	<u>STRENGTH</u>	23 Officers, 148 Other Ranks.	ll
	15	<u>STRENGTH</u>	23 Officers, 148 Other Ranks	ll
	16	<u>STRENGTH</u>	23 Officers, 148 other ranks Lieut. B. Moore approved for Early Repatriation by D.G.R. & D. Cpl Denham and 2 AM Ellison also approved.	ll
	17	<u>STRENGTH</u>	23 Officers, 148 Other Ranks.	ll
	18	<u>STRENGTH</u>	23 Officers, 148 other ranks.	ll
	19	<u>STRENGTH.</u>	23 Officers, 147 Other ranks. 2 AM Armstrong reported to A.I.F. Headquarters in connection with Non military Employment.	ll
	20	<u>STRENGTH</u>	23 Officers, 148 other ranks. 3145 2 AM Dean A. admitted to Greve Military Hospital, Footing, (sick).	ll
	21	<u>STRENGTH</u>	22 Officers, 129 Other ranks. Lt F.L. Roberts struck off strength on reporting to A.I.F. Headquarters in connection with Non military Employment.	ll



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	March	22	<u>STRENGTH</u> 22 Officers, 147 Other Ranks.	<i>V.G. Lh</i>
		23	<u>STRENGTH</u> 22 Officers, 148 other ranks. 2 AM Hall C.E. rejoined from A.F.C.Details, Wendover. 2 Am Clark C.R. and 2 AM Spurrett F. returned from embarkation leave.	<i>V.G. Lh</i>
		24	<u>STRENGTH</u> 22 Officers, 148 Other ranks. 1591 Cpl Denham and 358 1 AM McMillen returned from embarkation leave. The Squadron personnel returned from leave this day.	<i>V.G. Lh</i>
		25	<u>STRENGTH</u> 22 Officers, 148 Other ranks. Paraded for second inoculation against influenza.	<i>V.G. Lh</i>
		26	<u>STRENGTH</u> 21 Officers, 148 other ranks. Lt G. Brettingham-Moore struck off strength on proceeding to Sutton Veney for Early Repatriation.	<i>V.G. Lh</i>
		27	<u>STRENGTH</u> 17 Officers, 149 other ranks. Lts. Marshall, Stutterd, and Denton proceeded on course of Non Military Employment. Lt Heath struck off on being granted extended leave while awaiting discharge. 2 AM Munro J.L. rejoined Squadron from A.F.C.Depot, Wendover.	<i>V.G. Lh</i>
		28	<u>STRENGTH</u> 17 Officers, 149 other ranks. W.O.Hansen rejoined on expiration of extended leave.	<i>V.G. Lh</i>
		29	<u>STRENGTH.</u> 17 Officers, 150 other ranks.	<i>V.G. Lh</i>
		30	<u>STRENGTH</u> 17 Officers, 150 other ranks.	<i>V.G. Lh</i>
		31	<u>STRENGTH</u> 17 Officers, 148 other ranks. Cpl. Denham and 2 AM Ellison proceeded to Sutton Veney for early repatriation. Occasional showers of snow during the day. Duty Company.	<i>V.G. Lh</i>

APPENDIX

SUMMARY OF OFFICER COMMANDING FOR MONTH OF MARCH 1919

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No.
Date

After staying the night at NEUFCHATEL in the prisoners' of war camp, the Squadron on the 1st inst., continued the move to HAVRE via YVETOT. Leaving NEUFCHATEL at 0810, the convoy arrived at YVETOT a little after midday. A halt of an hour and a quarter was made at this place during which time lunch was partaken of and slight engine trouble remedied on some of the lorries which were responsible for a little delay on the road en route. Moving off at about 1330 the convoy reached the Australian Base Depot--Havre after 1600. We were marched into the cleansing camp and the following morning all ranks had a hot bath and were issued with a clean change of underclothing. In the afternoon we moved to the INFANTRY DEPOT where we had to await orders for embarkation to ENGLAND.

At midday on 3rd instructions were received to stand by in readiness. At 2300, when orders came through, the personnel boarded lorries and were conveyed to the wharf. On reaching the wharf we embarked on the "DUCHESS OF ARGYLL" at midnight. Leaving HAVRE at 0115 on the 4th, the journey across the Channel to WEYMOUTH occupied about 8 hours. Getting ashore, after a fair trip across, the Squadron marched to Y.M.C.A. where hot tea and refreshments were provided. From there we marched to the station and entrained for Wilton reaching there about 1400. Stacking kits the personnel marched to No 6 Camp HURDCOTT, a distance of a little over four and a half miles. The kits came along on lorries a little later.

On the morning of the 5th all ranks were medically inspected and the following day were boarded preparatory to going on pre-embarkation leave. Further parades were held, including one for inoculation against influenza, this being held on the 8th. The second inoculation against influenza took place on the morning after the Squadron returned from leave, the 25th.

At 0700 on the 10th, the Squadron under Lieut Godkin marched down to FOVANT STATION where a special train was waiting to take the party on leave.

After a very enjoyable holiday all returned to camp on the evening of the 24th.

During the month several members of the Squadron proceeded to SUTTON
VENEY for early Repatriation, whilst others left the unit to take up
Non Military Employment.

On the night of 30th--31st, the eve of Summer, we
experienced the heaviest fall of snow for the year. There were
further snow showers during the day (31st).

No sports fixtures were held during the month.

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