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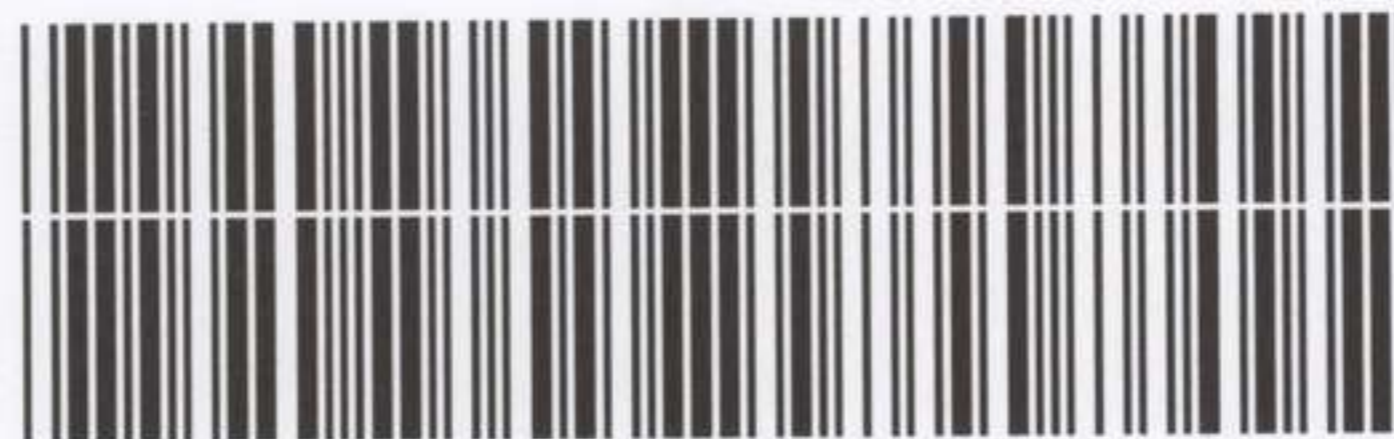
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WAR DIARY

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2nd Squad. . A. F. C.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	4/4/18		Lt. Primrose in D.214 left 1 p.m. Amiens came down 2.18.p.m. Forced landing owing to Oil Tank being shot through causing engine to sieze. Damage all Glue joints damaged by exposure. 4 M.P. damaged C/Section warped. To 2 A.D. for repairs. Pilot O.K.	
	5/4/18		Lt. Sexton in B/185 left Bertangles at 10.30 and was wrecked at 6.p.m. Cause engine failure. Pilot O.K. Came down N. of Doullens R & L.H. Rear Longeron broken 4 M.P. damaged. 2 A.P. for repair.	
	5/4/18		Lt. Truscott in C/1060 left Bertangles at 4.40 p.m. and came down between Marieux and Fuchvillers. Engine failure. 4 Rear Longerons broken 4 M.P. & C.S. damaged C/S struts damaged. Pilot O.K. 2 A.D. for repair.	
	6/4/18		C/3349 Damaged in transit from Bertangles. One rear Longeron broken caused through Trailer coupling head breaking. 2 A.D. for repair.	
	6/4/18		Lt. Benjamin in D/304 left 5.p.m. and came down at Villers Bocage Amiens. Cause engine failure causing F.L. 2 rear long broken, planes damaged. 2 A.D. for repair.	
	17/4/18		Lt. Davies in P/8906 left at 10.35 a.m. and was wrecked at 10.45 . Cause Collision in air causing a broken Aileron. Damage two bottom longerons broken and front part of fuselage C/sec. broken R.H. top and bottom Aileron damaged. Pilot O.K. To 2 A.D. for repair.	
	20/4/18		Lt. Cox. in B/150 left Aero. at 10.55 and was wrecked at in landing at 11.5.a.m. Cause Lewis Drum jamming in Rudder prior to landing causing machine to swing. Pilot O.K. 4 Rear Longeron Main Planes C/section Engine damaged. Prop. broken. Returned to Depot for repair.	
	22/4/18		D/3924 Lt. Cummings left Aero. at 9.55 a.m. and had a forced landing at Treizenned owing to a petrol pipe breaking. Longerons broken, Ribs and arch pieces Centre etc. Pilot O.K. Returned to Depot for repair.	
	23/4/18		Lt. Studdert in C/5382 left Aero at 3.30 and was wrecked at 4.p.m. due to a bad landing. Pilot injured. All Longerons damaged. Main Plane C/Section Struts Prop. elevator etc. Returned to Depot for repair.	

Pilots available 16

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SQUADRON RECORD BOOK.

Date 1st April, '18.

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of		Time in Air	Rds. fired	Bombs dropped	Remarks
			Start	Return				
C9541 D214	Capt. R.C. Phillipps Lt. L.J. Primrose	Offensive Patrol	p.m. 4.00	p.m. 5.00	1.00	450	-	) Scattered motor buses.) E. of MOREUIL.
A8906 D214 B571	Lt. G. Brettingham-Moore Lt. F.W. Follett Lt. G.H. Blaxland	O.P.	6.00	7.30	1.30	400	-	) Scattered transport &) troops. Visibility
D3429 C9496 D204 C5382	Lt. A.G. Clark Lt. F.R. Smith 2/Lt. G.H. Blaxland Lt. L.S. Truscott	Offensive Patrol	6.00 6.30	6.30 7.45	30 1.15	50	-	) very bad.) Engaged 10 E.A. scouts) with red noses;) no result.
C9539 B185	Capt. H.G. Forrest Lt. L. Benjamin	Offensive Patrol	6.30 6.30	8.00 7.45	1.30 1.15	50	-)
D214 C9541 C5349	Lt. L.J. Primrose Capt. R.C. Phillipps Lt. F.W. Follett	O.P.	6.30 6.30	8.25	1.55	350	-)
B185 C5382	Lt. F.W. Sexton Lt. R.L. Manuel	Offensive Patrol	7.50 7.50	8.50 9.00	1.00 1.10	- 250	-	) No E.A. seen.) ..
B571 C9496	2/Lt. G.H. Blaxland Lt. A.R. Rackett	Offensive Patrol	8.50 8.55	10.00 9.45	1.10 50	450 700	-	) Our troops in DEMUIN and) road down to MOREUIL. Work) at 9.30 am.
C5349 A8906	Lt. F.W. Follett Lt. G. Brettingham-Moore	Offensive Patrol	8.55 8.55	10.25	1.30	400	-)
			10.35 10.35	11.35	1.00 1.00	150 150	2 4	) No E.A. seen.) ..
			11.45 11.45	1.45 12.55	2.00 1.10	200 200	- 4	) A great number of E.A. on) the lines. Several engaged) but no decisive combats.
			1.50 1.50	3.20 3.20	1.30 1.30	100 -	- -	) ) No suitable targets observed.
		WAR TIME FLOWN	24	hrs. 20 mts.				
		TEST " "		Nil				
		TOTAL " "	24	hrs. 20 mts.				

W. Sheldon
MAJOR,
Commanding No. 2 Squadron, A.F.C.

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SQUADRON RECORD BOOK.

Date 2nd April, '18.

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of		Time in Air	Bombs dropped.	Mts. fired.	Remarks
			Start	Return				
<u>All.</u> <u>SE5a.</u>			<u>FROM 4.P.M. 1.4.18. to 4.P.M. 2.4.18.</u>					
			<u>p. m.</u>	<u>p. m.</u>				
B185 C5382	Lt. L. Benjamin Lt. L.S. Truscott	Offensive Patrol	3.15 3.15	4.15 4.15	1.00 1.00	4 4	250. 200	) 3 E.A. formations appro) 5 E.A. in each over lines) interfering with O.P. 1) A. engaged at long range) indecisive combat.
D3429 A8906	Capt. L.H. Holden Lt. A.G. Clark	Offensive Patrol	5.20 5.20	7.05 6.50	1.45 1.30	4 4	350 250	Visibility bad.
C9541 C5349	Lt. L.J. Primrose Lt. B.D. Cummings	Offensive Patrol	6.05 6.05	6.50 6.50	45 45	4 -	200 300))
B4895	Lt. A.L. Paxton	Trav. Flt.	5.00	5.20	20			From SAVY - BERTANGLES
C9539	2/Lt. C. Folstead	Practice	7.10	7.20	10			General practice.
			<u>a. m.</u>	<u>a. m.</u>				
C9539 B184	Capt. H.G. Forrest Lt. R.L. Manuel	Offensive Patrol	6.30 6.30	8.30 8.30	2.00 2.00	- -	300 300	) 1 E.A. (2 str) crashed.) (See Report No. 62).)
D204	Lt. L. Benjamin	Offensive P.	6.30	8.30	2.00	-	400)
A8906 B187 D214	Lt. B.D. Cummings Lt. G. Brettingham-Moore Lt. F.W. Pollett	O.P.	6.30 6.30 6.30	7.20 8.30 8.45	50 2.00 1.15	2 - 4	200 - 400	) Situation) unchanged.)
B525 B571	2/Lt. A.L. Paxton 2/Lt. G.H. Blaxland	Offensive Patrol	9.35 9.35	10.15 11.10	40 1.35	- 2	- 400) Learning the line.) 4 E.A. seen.

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SQUADRON RECORD BOOK.

Date 2/4/18.

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of		Time in Air	Bombs dropped.	R.B. fired.	Remarks	
			Start	Return					
SE5a.	D5429) Lt. A.G. Clark	Offensive	10.40	12.25	1.45	2	-) N.E.A.S.
	C9496) Lt. A.R. Rackett	10.40	11.20	40	-	-	) Engine unsat.
B70	2/Lt. H. Hamilton	Test	10.30	11.00	30			Satisfactory.	
C5302	) Lt. L.S. Truscott	Escort	11.20	12.50	1.30			) Escorted low
B525	) Lt. F. Smith		11.20	12.50	1.30			) flying patrol.
C9541	) Capt. R.C. Phillipps		12.20	12.50	1.30	50		) 2 E.A. driven
D214	) Lt. L.J. Primrose		11.20	12.50	1.30			) away.
C5442	) Lt. F. Taylor	) Trav'g Flights.	3.30	3.35	- 35			Delivering new machines from 2 ASD.
C5440	) Lt. A. Anderson		3.00	3.35	-35			
WAR TIME FLOWN			1	27.50					
TEST " "				2.10					
TOTAL " "				29.40					

W. Turner

LT. & R.O.,
For O.C. No. 2 Squadron,
AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

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Pilots available -18- 19.

No. 2 Squadron. A.F.C.

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Date 3rd April, '18.

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of		Time in Air	Nos. : Bombs		Remarks
			Start	Return		fired.	dropped	
<u>All S.E.5a.</u>			<u>FROM 4.P.M. 2.4.18. - 4.P.M. 3.4.18.</u>					
D214	Lieut. F.W.Follett	OFFENSIVE PATROL.	3.30	5.10	1.40	200	-	
C5349	2/Lt. E.D.Cummings		3.30	5.05	1.35	350	-	
D3429	Lt. A.G.Clark		3.30	5.45	2.15	-	-	
D204	2/Lt. G.H.Blaxland		3.30	5.45	2.15	-	-	1 B.A. (2 str).
B70	Lt. A.R.Rackett		3.30	5.45	2.15	200	-	crashed by Lt. CLARK
C9539	Capt. H.G.Forrest		3.30	5.30	2.00	300	-	(See Combat Report No. 63)
B187	Lt. G.Brettingham-Moore		3.30	4.30	1.00	-	-	
B571	Lt. L.Benjamin		3.30	5.30	2.00	400	-	
C9539	Lt. F.W.Sexton		3.30	4.10	- 40	-	-	
B525	2/Lt. A.L.Paxton		3.30	5.45	2.15	-	-	
B525	Lt. F.W.Sexton	OFFENSIVE PATROL	6.45	7.35	50	100	-	No B.A. seen.
C9496	Lt. F.R.Smith		6.45	7.30	45	100	-	
B571	2/Lt. G.H.Blaxland	OFFENSIVE PATROL.	6.55	8.35	1.40	-	-	
B4895	Lt. A.G.Clark		6.55	7.25	30	-	-	
B70	Lt. A.R.Rackett		6.55	7.05	10	-	-	Oil pipe broken.
C9496	Lt. F. Smith		6.55	8.35	1.40	-	-	
C9539	Lt. F.W.Sexton		6.55	8.35	1.40	300	-	
B187	Lt. F.W.Follett		6.55	8.35	1.40	-	-	No B.A. seen
D214	Lt. L.J.Primrose		6.55	8.35	1.40	50	-	
A8906	Lt. E.D.Cummings		6.55	8.00	1.05	-	-	
B525	2/Lt. A.L.Paxton		6.55	8.35	1.40	-	-	
D3429	Sgt. L. H. Holden		6.55	8.25	1.30	-	-	
D204	Lt. L.S.Truscott	6.55	7.20	25	-	-	Engine unsatisfactory.	

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No. 2 Squadron. A.F.C.

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SQUADRON RECORD BOOK.

Date 3/4/18.

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of		Time in Air	Remarks
			Start	Return		
SE5a. B184	Lt. R.L. Manuel	Test	11.30	11.40	10	Satisfactory.
C9541	Capt. R.C. Phillipps	Trav. Flight	11.50	11.55	05	From old aerodrome.
C5440	Lt. J.A. Adam	-do-	1.30	1.45	15	Delivering new m/c from old
C5442	Lt. F.W. Pollett	-do-	1.30	1.45	15	-do- -do- 'drome.
B70	Lt. A.R. Rackett	-do-	2.25	2.30	05	-do- -do- -do-
D204	Capt. H.G. Forrest	-do-	3.10	3.15	05	-do- -do- -do-
WAR TIME FLOWN		23 hrs. 10 mts.				
TEST & PRACTICE		55 mts.				
TOTAL TIME FLOWN		24 hrs. 05 mts.				

R. Turner
 LT. & R.O.
 For O.C. No. 2 Squadron,
 AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

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Pilots available 6 (15 at old 'drome)

No. 2 Squadron. A.F.C.

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SQUADRON RECORD BOOK.

Date 5th April, 1918,

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of		Time in Air	Remarks
			Start	Return		
<u>FROM 4PM 4/4/18 - 4PM, 5/4/18.</u>						
SE5a	B571 D3429 2/Lt. G.H. Blaxland Capt. L.H. Holden	Trav. Flight Trav. Flight	3.15 3.15	4.25 3.35	1.10. 20	FROM BERTANGLES - BELLEVUE. FROM BERTANGLES - BELLEVUE.
	B4895 Lieut. A.G. Clark	-do-	3.15	3.35	20	-do- -do-
	B525 2/Lieut. A.L. Paxton	-do-	3.15	3.35	20	-do- -do-
	D204 Lieut. L. Benjamin	-do-	3.45	4.00	15	-do- -do-
		WAR TIME FLOWN . - NIL.				
		TEST & TRAV, - 1, hr. 25 mts.				

W. Turner

LIEUT. &
RECORDING OFFICER,
FOR O.C. NO. 2 SQUADRON, A.F.C.

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Pilots available -16-

No. 2 Squadron. A.F.C.

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SQUADRON RECORD BOOK.

Date 6th April, '18.

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of—		Remarks
			Start	Return	
<u>FROM 4. AM. 5. 4. 18. to 4. AM. 6. 4. 18.</u>					
<u>All S.E. 5a.</u>			P. M.	P. M.	
08412	Lt. G. Blackland	Rev. Flt.	3.50	4.10	Delivering a/c from old 'Arms at BENDANGLES.
09496	Lt. P. Smith	-do-	3.15	4.25	-do-
08882	Lt. R. McKensie	-do-	4.10	5.10	-do-
H187	Lt. L. Finrose	-do-	4.10	5.10	-do-
08140	Lt. F. Pollett	-do-	4.10	5.10	-do-
A0906	Lt. R. Cummings	-do-	3.20	5.25	-do-
B184	Lt. R. Marmol	-do-	3.45	5.30	-do-
09341	Cpt. R. Phillippe	-do-	11.45	12.00	-do-
09539	Cpt. H. Forrest	-do-	1.00	1.15	Unsatisfactory- Oiling.
B4095	Lt. A. Clark	Scot	1.40	1.55	Satisfactory.
B184	Lt. R. Marmol	Rest	3.25	3.40	
WAR TIME FLOW			-311-		
EST & TRAV'G			11 hrs. 45 mts.		
TOTAL			11. hrs. 45 mts.		

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 LIEUT. &
 RECORDING OFFICER,
 FOR D.O. NO. 2 SQUADRON, A.F.C.

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No. 2 Squadron. A.F.C.

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SQUADRON RECORD BOOK.

Date 7th April, '18.

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of		Time in Air	Remarks		
			Start	Return				
<u>FROM 4.PM. 6.4.18. to 4.PM.7.4.18.</u>								
SE5a.	B525	2/Lt. A.L. Paxton	} Offensive Patrol	2.45	4.30	1.45	} 1 B.A. (2 str) crashed in flames. P.L. at JERRIEU. Eng. seized. } See Combat Report No. 65.	
	B187	Lt. L.J. Primrose		2.45	4.30	1.45		
	D3429	Lt. A.G. Clark		2.45	4.30	1.45		
	B571	Lt. G.H. Blackland		2.45	4.40	1.55		
	C9541	Capt. R.C. Phillipps	} Offensive Patrol	5.05	5.30	15	} Engine 'dud'. 300 rds. at ground targets. 300 rds. at ground targets. Crashed at VILLERS. No B.A. seen Activity slight.	
	C9539	Capt. R.G. Forrest		5.05	6.25	1.20		
	B184	Lt. R.L. Manuel		5.05	6.30	1.25		
	D204	Lt. L. Benjamin		5.05	6.20	1.15		
	C9496	Lt. H.E. Hamilton	Test	5.45	6.25	40	} Unsatisfactory- C.C. gear faulty. Satisfactory. -do- Delivering new m/e from depot -do- -do- -do- -do- Satisfactory.	
	A8956	2/Lt. E.D. Cummings	-do-	10.10	10.25	15		
	B4895	Lt. A.G. Clark	-do-	10.45	11.35	50		
	D3514	Lt. L.S. Truscott	Trav. Flight	11.20	11.45	25		
	D3431	Lt. F. Gill) Test	-do-	11.30	12.00		30
	D3924	Lt. B.F. Hart) pilots	-do-	11.30	12.05		35
	C5440	Lt. P.W. Follett	Test	12.00	12.15	15		
		WAR TIME FLOWN	11.25					
		TEST & TRAVELLING	3.30					
		TOTAL	14.55					

H. Forrest Capt

For O.C. No. 2 Squadron,
AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

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No. 2 Squadron. AFC

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Date 8-4-18

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of		Time in Air	Remarks
			Start	Return		
-NIL-						

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No. 2 Squadron RFC.

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SQUADRON RECORD BOOK.

Date 9. 4. 18

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of		Time in Air	Remarks
			Start	Return		
<u>- NIL -</u>						

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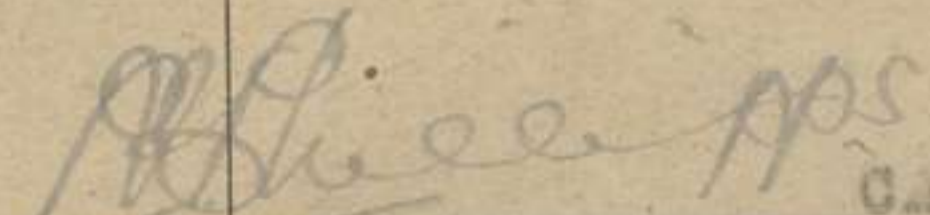
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SQUADRON RECORD BOOK.

Date 10th April, '18.

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of		Time in Air	Remarks
			Start	Return		
<u>FROM 4.PM. 9.4.18 TO 4.PM. 10.4.18.</u>						
<u>All SE5a.</u>						
D3431	Lt. L. Benjamin	Test	10.55	11.05	10	Satisfactory.
D3924	2/Lt. E.D. Cummings	-do-	11.45	12.00	15	-do-
D3514	Lt. L.S. Truscott	-do-	12.25	12.40	15	-do-
B4895	Lt. A.G. Clark	-do-	1.30	2.30	1.00	Unsatisfactory - Oil trouble.
B184	Lt. R.L. Manuel	-do-	2.35	3.35	1.00	Satisfactory.
B187	Lt. L.J. Primrose	-do-	2.35	3.00	25	Unsatisfactory- L/Wing low.
D3431	Lt. L. Benjamin	-do-	2.35	3.25	50	Satisfactory.
B571	St. G.H. Blackland	-do-	3.25	3.55	30	Unsatisfactory-CC.Gear 'dud'
Pilots flying - <u>6. 7.</u> War flying time - <u>Nil-</u> Test flying time <u>4 hrs. 25 mts.</u> Test flights <u>8</u> Total flying time <u>4 hrs. 25 mts.</u> Weather conditions- <u>Thick mist. Visibility bad.</u> -----						


 CAPT.,
 Commanding No. 2 Squadron,
 AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

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Date 11th April, '18.

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of		Time in Air	Remarks
			Start	Return		
<u>FROM 4. PM. 10.4.18. TO 4. PM. 11.4.18.</u>						
SE5a. C5382	2/Lt. D. Statterd	Test	4.50	5.05	15	Satisfactory.
D3429	Lt. A.G. Clark	-do-	9.00	9.10	10	-do-
B525	2/Lt. A.L. Paxton	-do-	9.10	9.25	15	-do-
B4895	Lt. A.G. Clark	-do-	2.20	3.10	50	-do-
B187	Lt. L.J. Primrose	-do-	2.35	3.10	35	Unsat. - Engine trouble.
C9496	Lt. F.R. Smith	-do-	2.45	3.10	35	Satisfactory.
C5440	Lt. F.W. Pollett	-do-	2.50	3.05	15	-do-
D3924	2/Lt. R.D. Gummings	-do-	2.50	3.30	40	Unsat. - L/wing low.
D3431	Lt. L. Benjamin	-do-	3.35	3.55	20	Satisfactory.
Pilots flying 8						
War flying time Nil						
Test flying time 3 hrs. 35 mts.						
Test flights 9						
Total flying time 3 hrs. 35 mts.						
Weather conditions - Visibility bad. - Thick mist, and low clouds.						

W. J. ...
 Lt. & R.O.,
 For O.C. No. 2 Squadron,
 AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

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SQUADRON RECORD BOOK.

Date 12th April, '18.

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of		Time in Air	Remarks
			Start	Return		
SE5a. C5442 C3514 C5440	Lt. J.A. Adam	Trav. Flight	10.40	10.55	15	Return from Forced landing.
	Lt. L.S. Truscott	Test	11.45	11.55	10	Satisfactory.
	Lt. F.W. Follett	Test	2.50	3.05	15	-do-
PILOTS FLYING 14. WAR FLYING TIME... .. 35 hrs. 40 mts. TEST FLYING TIME 1 " 50 " TEST OR PRACTICE FLIGHTS 9. TOTAL FLYING TIME 37. 30. / WEATHER CONDITIONS good.						
						<i>W. J. ...</i> MAJOR, Commanding No. 2 Squadron, AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

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No. 2 Squadron. A.F.C.

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Date 13th April, '18.

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of		Time in Air	Remarks	
			Start	Return			
<u>FROM 4.PM. 12.4.18 - 4.PM. 13.4.18.</u>							
SE5a, C9539	Capt. H.C. Forrest	OFFENSIVE PATROL.	3.30	5.40	2.10	1 E.A. (2 str) crashed by Capt. FORREST.- Visibility good, great E.A. activity. 1500 rds fired at various targets.	
B150	Lt. F.W. Sexton		3.30	5.45	2.15		
A8906	Lt. J.A. Adam		3.30	5.10	1.40		
C5440	Lt. F.W. Pollett		3.30	5.35	2.05		
D3429	Capt. A.G. Clark		3.30	5.35	2.05		
B571	Lt. G.H. Blaxland		3.30	5.45	2.15		
B525	2/Lt. A.L. Paxton		3.30	5.35	2.05		
D3514	Lt. L.S. Truscott		3.30	5.00	1.30		P.L. at No.46 Sqn.-broken covered.
B3928	2/Lt. E.D. Cummings		3.30	4.15	45		Magneto trouble.
B187	Lt. L.J. Primrose		3.30	3.55	25		Engine trouble.
B194	Capt. R.C. Phillipps, MC.	Trav'g. Flight	4.10	4.30	20	Delivering new m/c from 2 ASD.	
B4896	Lt. F.R. Smith, MC.	Test	3.55	4.40	45	Satisfactory.	
C3431	Lt. R.L. Manuel	Test	4.30	4.55	25	-do-	
NUMBER OF PILOTS FLYING		13.					
WAR FLYING TIME		17 hrs. 15 mts.					
TEST FLYING TIME		1 " 30 "					
TEST OR PRAC. FLTS.		2 "					
TOTAL FLYING TIME		18 hrs. 45 mts.					
WEATHER CONDITIONS		Vis. good at first. Misty to-day.					

W. Turner

LT. S.R.O.,
For C.C.No.2 Squadron, A.F.C.

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Date 14/4/18.

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of—		Remarks
			Start	Return	
					<p><u>N I L</u></p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>Lt. & R.O., For O.C. No. 2 Squadron, A.F.C.</p>

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No. 2 Squadron. A.F.C.

Pilots available 18

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SQUADRON RECORD BOOK.

Date 15th April, 1918.

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of		Time in Air	Remarks
			Start	Return		
<u>FROM 4 P.M. 14/4/18 to 4 P.M. 15/4/18.</u>						
<u>S.E. 5a.</u> <u>C. 2476</u>	Lt. A.R. Rackett	Travelling Flt.	9.00	9.15	15	Return from P.L.
<u>C. 2476</u>	Lt. G.H. Blackland	Rest.	11.35	11.40	05	Satisfactory.
<p>NUMBER OF PILOTS FLYING --- 2</p> <p>WAR FLYING TIME ----- Nil.</p> <p>TEST FLYING TIME ----- 20 minutes.</p> <p>NO. OF TEST OR PRAC. FLIGHTS. 2</p> <p>TOTAL FLYING TIME ----- 20 minutes.</p> <p>WEATHER CONDITIONS ----- Bad.</p>						
						<p><i>W. J. ...</i></p> <p>Lieut. & R.O., No. 2 Squadron, AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.</p>

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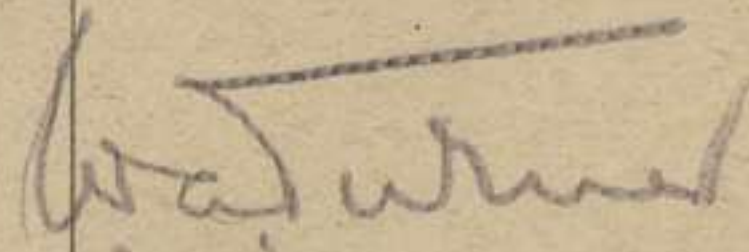
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No. 2 Squadron.

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Date 16th April 1918

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of		Time in Air	Remarks
			Start	Return		
SE5a	C 5382	Lieut. L. Benjamin	Travelling	3.45	4.05	. 20 Return from F/Landing.
	B 4875	Capt. A.G. Clark	Test	4.45	5.15	. 30 Satisfactory
	B. 70	Lieut. G.H. Blaxland v	Test	4.45	5.15	. 30 Satisfactory
	D 3514	Lieut. L.S. Pruscott	Travelling	6.40	6.55	. 15 Return from F/Landing
	B 187	Lieut. C.F.F. Istead	Test	1.50	2.25	. 25 Satisfactory
	B 150	2nd Lieut G. Cox	Test	2.50	3.15	. 25 Satisfactory
	B 184	Lieut H.L. Manuel	Test	2.45	3.10	. 25 Satisfactory
		Number of Pilots flying,		7		
		Total war flying time,		Nil		
		Total Test flying time,		2.50		
		Number of Test or Practice flights,		7		
		Total flying time,		2hr. 50 min.		
		Weather Conditions,		Bad.		
						 Lieut. & Recording Officer for C.O. No. 2 Squadron, A.F.C.

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Pilots available 16

No. 3 Squadron.

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SQUADRON RECORD BOOK.

Date 17th April 1918

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of		Time in Air	Remarks
			Start	Return		
SE5a C7496	Lieut. F.R. Smith	Test	10.00	10.10	.10	Satisfactory
C7541	Capt. R.C. Phillipps	Test	10.25	10.35	.10	Satisfactory
A8706	Lieut. R.S. Davies	Test	10.30	10.40	.10	Crashed on landing - collide with "Canal" in air.
C5382	Lieut. A.C. Cameron	Test	10.50	11.00	.30	Satisfactory
C5440	Lieut. F. Pollett	Test	10.45	11.05	.20	Satisfactory
B 174	Lieut. E.J. Frimrose	Test	10.35	11.10	.35	Satisfactory
D3431	Lieut. A. Benjamin	Test	11.10	11.35	.15	Satisfactory
D3724	Lieut. E.D. Cummings	Test	10.50	11.35	.45	Satisfactory
B4875	Capt. A.C. Clark	Test	2.00	2.10	.10	Satisfactory
		Number of Pilots flying			"	
		Total War Flying Time			Nil	
		Total Test flying time			3hr 5min	
		Number of Test or practice flights			"	
		Total Flying Time			3hr 5min	
		Weather Conditions			Bad.	

W. J. ...
Lieut. & Recording Officer
for C.O. H.O.2 Squadron A.F.C.

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SQUADRON RECORD BOOK.

No. 8 Squadron.

A.F.C.

Date 17th April 1918

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of		Time in Air	Remarks
			Start	Return		
			From 4 p.m. 18.4.18 to 4 p.m. 17.4.18			
D3535	Lieut. J.R. Davies	Reavelling	3.20	3.40	.20	Delivering new machine
		Number of pilots flying Total flying time		1 30 mins.		

*18-4-18
NIL*

*W. Turner
Squadron Leader*

Major.
No. 2 Squadron A.F.C.

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Date 20th April 1918

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of		Time in Air	Remarks
			Start	Return		
<u>From 4 p.m. 17.4.18 to 4 p.m. 20.4.18</u>						
B4975	Capt. A.C. Clark	Test	10.15	10.40	.25	Satisfactory
B 1500	2nd Lt. G. Cox	Test	10.55	11.05	.10	Satisfactory Crashed
D3413	Lieut. W. Benjamin	Test	10.45	11.15	.30	Unsatisfactory - gun trouble
C5302	2nd Lt. D. Stutterd	Test	10.50	11.25	.35	Satisfactory
C5440	Lieut. F.S. Pollett	Test	11.20	12.05	.45	Satisfactory
D3420	2nd Lt. W. Adams	Test	11.10	11.50	.40	Satisfactory
B571	Lieut. G.H. Blackland	Test	11.15	11.40	.25	Satisfactory
C5541	Capt. R.C. Phillipps	Test	11.30	11.35	.05	Unsatisfactory - oil faulty
B 70	Lieut. A.R. Buckett	Test	3.30	3.35	.05	Satisfactory
Number of pilots flying					0	
Total war flying time					Nil	
Total test flying time					5hr 40min	
Number of Test or practice flights					0	
Total flying time					5hr 40min	
Weather conditions					visibility poor.	

W. Sheldon MAJOR,
 1st Commanding Officer Squadron
 AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

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SQUADRON RECORD BOOK.

Date 21st April 1918

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of		Time in Air	Remarks
			Start	Return		
<u>From 4 p.m. 20.4.18 to 21.4.18</u>						
3E8a B 174	Lieut L. J. Primrose	Practice	3.35	4.20	.45	Showing new pilots the line.
05440	Lieut F. W. Pollett		3.35	4.35	1.00	
05442	Lieut J. A. Adam		3.35	4.10	.35	
B 187	2/Lieut C. F. Polstead		3.35	4.10	.35	
D3784	Lieut E. E. Davies		3.35	4.40	1.05	
B4875	Capt. A. G. Clark	Test	4.00	4.30	.30	Satisfactory
D3427	2nd Lt. W. J. Adams	Test	4.05	4.55	.50	Satisfactory
D3413	Lieut. D. Benjamin	Practice	5.15	6.30	1.15	Showing new pilots the line.
D3514	2nd Lt. D. K. Stutterd		5.15	6.30	1.15	
B 164	Lieut. A. G. Cameron		5.15	6.35	1.20	
D3924	2nd Lt. W. D. Cummings		5.15	6.40	1.25	
D3512	Lieut. F. W. Sexton	Travelling	7.20	7.40	.20	Delivering new machine
D3514	Lieut. L. S. Truscott	Offensive	8.55	11.15	2.20	Several engagements but no decisive result.
07537	Capt. H. G. Forrest		8.55	11.15	2.20	
B 184	Lieut H. L. Manuel		8.55	10.55	2.00	
D3431	Lieut. L. Benjamin	Patrol.	8.55	11.15	2.20	1000 rds. fired at various targets.
B 187	2nd Lt. C. F. Polstead	Offensive	9.30	10.55	1.25	N.E.A.S. F/Landing at Bruay - oil trouble
05440	Lieut. F. W. Pollett	Patrol	9.30	11.30	2.00	

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31st April 1918

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of		Time in Air	Remarks
			Start	Return		
Se5a	B4875	Capt. A.C. Clark)	11.50	2.10	2.20	) (oil pressure unsatisfactory)) Six enemy triplanes seen and) engaged - indecisive com-) bats. 1200 rounds fired) at various targets.
	C7541	Capt. R.C. Phillipps)	11.50	12.00	.10	
	C7476	Lieut. F.R. Smith)	11.50	1.30	1.40	
	C5442	Lieut. J.A. Adam)	11.50	2.10	2.20	
	D3724	2nd Lt. E.D. Cuning)	11.50	1.00	1.10	
	B 174	Lieut. L.J. Primrose)	11.50	2.10	2.20	
		Pilots flying 18.				
		War flying time 22 hrs. 25 mts.				
		Test flying time 10 " 55 "				
		Test or prac. flights 12.				
		Total flying time 33. 20.				
		Weather conditions- Visibility fair.				

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Lt. & R.O.,
No. 2 Squadron, A.F.C.

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Date 22nd April, '18.

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of—		Remarks
			Start	Return	
SE5c. B4895	Capt. A. Clark	O.P.	5.25	7.35) Magneto trouble.) No E.A. seen.
C9496	Lt. F. Smith		5.25	5.55	
B70	Lt. A. Rackett		5.25	6.40	
D3429	Lt. W. Adams		5.25	7.30	
B525	2/Lt. A. Paxton		5.25	5.35	
B571	Lt. G. Blaxland		5.25	7.35	
C5382	Lt. A. Cameron		Test	6.45		6.55	Satisfactory.
B184	Lt. R. Manuel	Test	9.15	9.35	Satisfactory.
D3535	Capt. R. Phillipps	O.P.	9.55	12.00) Forced landing at Sorny.- Prop. split.) No E.A. seen.) Not yet returned - Last seen over DIERPE, OK.
B525	Lt. A. Paxton		9.55	12.00	
B572	Lt. G. Blaxland		9.55	12.00	
C5442	Lt. J. Adam		9.55	12.00	
D3924	Lt. E. Cummings		9.55	-	
B187	Lt. L. Primrose		9.55	12.00	
B4895	Capt. A. Clark	O.P.	10.50	11.25) Visibility bad.) Patrol recalled.
C9496	Lt. F. Smith		10.50	11.25	
D3512	Lt. F. Sexton		10.50	11.25	
D3431	Lt. L. Benjamin		10.50	11.00	
B60	Lt. A. Rackett		10.50	11.25	
B184	Lt. R. Manuel		10.50	11.25	
Pilots flying		14			
War flying time		23 hrs. 50 mts.			
Test		30 "			
Test flights		2			
Total flying time		24 hrs. 20 mts.			
Weather conditions		- unfavourable.			

W. Sheldon MAJOR,
Commanding No. 8 Squadron,
AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

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Date 12th April 1918

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of		Time in Air	Remarks
			Start	Return		
<u>From 4 pm. 22.4.18 to 4 pm. 23.4.18</u>						
B35a B4895	Capt. A.G. Clark	Offensive Patrol.	4.00	4.35	.35	H. M. A. S. visibility bad.
B 184	Lieut. H.E. Munnell		4.00	4.35	.35	
D9539	Capt. H.G. Forrest		4.00	4.35	.35	
B 70	Lieut. F.R. Smith		4.00	4.40	.40	
D3862	Lieut. A.G. Cameron		4.00	4.45	.45	
D3812	Lieut. F.W. Serton		4.00	4.45	.45	
D5440	Lieut. F.W. Pollett	Test	11.20	11.50	.30	Unsatisfactory - oil trouble
B4895	Capt. A.G. Clark	Test	11.35	12.05	.30	Satisfactory
D3429	2nd Lt. W. Adams	Test	11.30	11.40	.10	unsatisfactory - Mag. trouble
B 184	Lieut. H.E. Munnell	Test	12.20	12.35	.15	satisfactory
D3431	Lieut. L. Benjamin	Test	3.20	3.35	.15	satisfactory
Number of pilots flying			10			
Total war flying time			5hr 55min			
Total Test flying time			1hr 4min			
Number of Test flights			5			
Total flying time			5hr 35 min.			
Weather conditions			Unfavourable.			

N. Sheldon Major.
Officer Commanding No. 2 Squad.
Australian Flying Corps.

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Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of—		Remarks
			Start	Return	
<u>FROM 4 pm. 23.4.18 to 4 pm 24.4.18</u>					
SEBa B107	2nd Lt G.P. Folstead	Test	5.45	4.20	satisfactory
05382	2nd Lt D.K. Stutterd	Test	5.45	4.15	crashed on aerodrome.
09533	Capt. H.G. Forrest	Test	6.35	7.05	satisfactory
D3514	Lieut L.S. Truscott	Test	6.45	7.00	satisfactory
D3429	Lieut W. Adams	Test	7.25	7.35	satisfactory
Number of pilots flying war flying time Test flying time Number of test or practice flights Weather conditions			5 Nil 2 hrs. 5 Unfavourable.		

W. Sheldon MAJOR
 Commanding No. 2 Squadron
 AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

24th April 1918

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Pilots available 19

No. 2 Squadron. A.F.C.

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SQUADRON RECORD BOOK

Date 25th April 1918

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of—		Remarks
			Start	Return	
<u>From 4 pm 24.4.18 to 4 pm 25.4.18</u>					
805a B198	Capt. Simonson	Travelling	11.40	12.00	Delivering new H/O
D3723	Lt. Copp	Travelling	11.40	12.00	Delivering new H/O
B4876	Capt. A. G. Clark	) OFFENSIVE) Control	12.10	1.00	) H.S. ...) Visibility bad.
B 571	Lt. F. H. Smith		12.10	1.00	
B 184	Lt. H. S. Samuel		12.10	1.00	
B 70	Lt. A. H. Rickett		12.10	1.00	
B 523	Lt. A. L. Barton		12.10	1.00	
B3427	Lt. ... Adams		12.10	12.30	
Number of pilots flying total for flying time total cost flying time number of test flights total flying time weather conditions			9 4hr 30min 40 min. 3 5 hrs visibility bad.		

W. Sheldon MAJOR.
Commanding No. 2 Squadron,
AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

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Date 26th April 1918

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of—		Remarks
			Start	Return	
			<u>4 p.m. 25.4.18 to 4 p.m. 26.4.18</u>		
			<u>B I L.</u>		

W. C. Wynne 2^d Lt
 Commanding No. 2 Squadron
 AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

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No. _____ Squadron. *4.700.*

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SQUADRON RECORD BOOK

Date _____ *27th April 1918*

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of—		Remarks
			Start	Return	
<i>From 4 P.M. 25.4.18 to 4 P.M. 27th.4.18</i>					
<i>05440</i>	<i>Lt. F. Follett</i>	<i>inst</i>	<i>3.20p</i>	<i>3.40p</i>	<i>unsatisfactory - eng. trouble.</i>
<i>03429</i>	<i>Lt. S. ...</i>	<i>inst</i>	<i>3.25</i>	<i>3.50p</i>	<i>satisfactory.</i>

W. Sheldon Major,
No. 3 Squadron,
Australian Flying Corps.

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Pilots available 23

No. 2 Squadron.

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Date 28th Apr. 1918.

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of—		Remarks	
			Start	Return		
<u>FROM 4 pm. 27.4.18 to 4 pm. 28.4.18</u>						
B52	G9541	Lt. E. Davies	Test	6.00	6.10	Satisfactory
	B194	Lt. H. J. Primrose	Test	2.50	3.10	Satisfactory
	D3514	Lt. G. Cox	Test	2.50	3.10	Satisfactory
	B571	Lt. G. H. Blackland	Test	2.30	3.30	Satisfactory
	B4825	Capt. A. G. Clark	Test	3.10	3.30	Satisfactory
	B525	Lt. A. L. Paxton	Test	3.10	3.30	Satisfactory
	B184	Lt. H. L. Manuel	Test	2.50	3.30	Satisfactory
	B187	Lt. C. F. Folstead	Test	2.15	3.05	Satisfactory
	B70	Lt. H. E. Hamilton	Test	2.40	3.00	Satisfactory
	B188	Lt. E. B. Cummings	Test	3.05	3.40	Satisfactory
	D3431	Lt. H. Benjamin	Test	3.10	3.30	Satisfactory
Number of pilots flying				11		
Total war flying time				211		
Total Test flying time				5 hr. 50 min.		
Number of test or practice flights....				11		
Total flying time				5 hr. 50 min.		
Weather conditions				visibility bad.		

W. Sheldon MAJOR.
Commanding No. 2 Squadron,
AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

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Pilots available 23

No. 2 Squadron. AFC

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SQUADRON RECORD BOOK.

Date 29th April 1918

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of		Time in Air	Remarks
			Start	Return		
<u>From 4 p.m. 28.4.18 to 4 p.m. 29.4.18</u>						
BE5A D3429	2nd Lt. W. G. Adams	Test	3.50	4.30	.40	Satisfactory
B70	Lieut. A. R. Rackett	Test	4.15	4.35	.20	Satisfactory
C5440	Lieut. L. J. Primrose	Test	4.25	4.45	.20	Unsatisfactory - oil trouble
B4875	Lieut. F. W. Currie	Test	3.20	3.35	.15	Satisfactory
B70	Lieut. H. E. Hamilton	Test	3.20	3.55	.35	Satisfactory
D3431	Lieut. L. Benjamin	Test	3.25	3.35	.10	Satisfactory
D3514	Lieut. U. D. Cox	Test	3.25	3.50	.25	Satisfactory
C5368	Lieut. A. G. Cameron	Test	3.35	3.50	.15	Satisfactory
Number of pilots flying		8				
Total War flying time		Nil				
Total Test flying time		2hr 55min				
Number of Test or practice flights		8				
Total flying time		2hr 55min				
Weather Conditions		Visibility bad				

N. Sheldon MAJOR
 Commanding No. 2 Squadron,
 AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

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Date 30th April 1918

Type and Number	Pilot and Observer	Duty	Hour of		Time in Air	Remarks	
			Start	Return			
<u>FROM 4 p.m. 20.4.18 to 4 p.m. 30.4.18</u>							
385a	C541	Lieut. H. A. Davies	Test	3.35	4.05	.30	satisfactory
	B184	Lieut. H. L. Manuel	Test	3.50	4.15	.25	satisfactory
	C5440	Lieut. F. J. Pellett	Test	4.55	5.05	.10	satisfactory
Number of Pilots flying				3			
Total war flying time				Nil			
Total Test flying time				1.05 hrs.			
Number of Test or practice flights				3			
Total Flying time				1.05 hr.			
Weather Conditions				unfavourable			

W. Sheldon MAJOR.
Commanding No. 2 Squadron,
AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

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Combats in the Air.

No. 63 **APPENDIX**

Squadron: **No. 2 AFC**

Date: **27th March 1918**

Type and No. of Aeroplane:
SE5a's - C9539 and B184

Time: **7 a.m.**

Armament: **1 Vickers & 1 Lewis**
(each)

Locality: **DEMUIIN**

Pilot: **Capt. H.G. Forrest**
Lieut. R.L. Manuel

Duty: **Escorting low flying machines**

Height: **3,000ft**

Observer:

Result { Destroyed one
Driven down out of control _____
Driven down _____

Remarks on Hostile Aircraft:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

One two seater, DFW, blue wings and tail

[P.T.O.]

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Narrative.

I sighted this two seater flying N.E. over the lines near DEMUIN. I dived on it and fired about 100 rounds at moderate range and the observor collapsed in his sest. The enemy machine then dived and Lieut. Manuel continued the attack, firing about 200 rounds into it. The enemy machine crashed on the ground a little SE of DEMUIN.

Sgd. H.G. Forrest, Capt.

Combat decisive.

Sgd. W. Sheldon Major
Commanding 2nd Squadron,
Australian Flying Corps.

Combats in the Air.

No. 64

Squadron: **No. 2 AFC**

Date: **2nd April 1918**

Type and No. of Aeroplane:
SE5a's - D3429 and B571

Time: **5.30 p.m.**

Armament: **1 Vickers and Lewis each**

Locality: **Amiens to Corbie**

Pilot: **Lieut. A.G. Clark**
2/Lieut. G.H. Blaxland

Duty: **Offensive Patrol**

Height: **6,000ft**

Observer:

Result { Destroyed one
Driven down out of control
Driven down

Remarks on Hostile Aircraft:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

Large two seater, camouflaged with red, blue tail

[P.T.O.]

APPENDIX

Narrative.

I saw enemy formation over AMIENS at 9,000ft travelling west
2/lieut. Blaxland and myself dived on formation and cut off one machine at
the rear. We both fired several bursts at this machine and saw it crash near
CORBIE. It also appeared to be on fire.

Sgd. A.G.Clark Lieut.

Combat decisive.

Sgd. W.Sheldon, Major.
Commanding 2nd Squadron,
Australian Flying Corps.

Combats in the Air.

APPENDIX
No. 65

Squadron: **No. 2 AFC**

Date: **4th April 1918**

Type and No. of Aeroplane:
SE5a - B187

Time: **2.45 p.m.**

Armament: **1 vickers & Lewis**

Locality: **E. of Villers Brettonneux.**

Pilot: **Lieut. L.J. Primrose**

Duty: **Offensive Patrol**

Height: **3,000ft**

Observer:

Result	{	Destroyed <u>One</u>
		Driven down out of control _____
		Driven down _____

Remarks on Hostile Aircraft:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

1 Albatross scout, usual type.

[P.T.O.]

APPENDIX

Narrative.

I first sighted this machine near VILLERS-BRETTONEUX flying East. I dived on it firing about 200 rds at close range. It immediately burst into flames and I saw it crash just east of VILLERS-BRETTONEUX.

Lt. Brettingham-Moore of the same patrol confirms the above.

Sgd. Leslie J. Primrose, Lieut.

Combat Decisive.

Sgd. W. Sheldon Major
Commanding 2nd Squadron,
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APPENDIX
Army Form W. 3348.

Combats in the Air.

No. 66

Squadron: **No. 2 AFC**

Date: **6th April 1918**

Type and No. of Aeroplane: **SE5a**
D3429, B525, B187, B571

Time: **3 p.m.**

Armament: **1 Vickers & Lewis each**

Locality: **La MOTTE**

Pilot: **Lieut. A.G.Clark (leader)**
2/Lt. A.L.Paxton
Lt. L.J.Primrose
Lt. G.H.Blaxland

Duty: **O.P.**

Height: **3,000ft**

Observer:

Result

Destroyed one
Driven down out of control _____
Driven down _____

Remarks on Hostile Aircraft:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

1 two seater - coloured black with grey stripes.

[P.T.O.]

First sighted near La MOTTE. The patrol dived on it and each pilot fired bursts into it at fairly close ranges. The enemy machine rolled over and smoke appeared issuing from it. It glided on it's back till it hit the ground, when it burst into flames.

Lieut. Blaxland and Primrose saw this machine fall out of control and crash in flames near La Motte.

Sgd. A. Lauderdale Paxton Lieut.

Combat Decisive.

Sgd. W. Sheldon, Major
Commanding 2nd Squadron,
Australian Flying Corps.

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APPENDIX
Army Form W. 3348.

Combats in the Air.

No. 67

Squadron: **No. 2 AFC**

Date: **12th April 1918**

Type and No. of Aeroplane:
Se5a - B4895

Time: **11 p.m.**

Armament: **Lewis & Vickers**

Locality: **LORGIES**

Pilot: **Capt. A.G. Clark**

Duty: **O.P.**

Height: **18,000ft**

Observer:

Result { Destroyed _____
Driven down out of control **One**
Driven down _____

Remarks on Hostile Aircraft:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

One Albatross Scout coloured reddish brown

[P.T.O.]

Narrative.

I sighted this machine near LORGIES and attacked it from the East side, diving and firing about 150 rounds at close range. The enemy machine turned over on it's back and went down in a slow spiral out of control and remained in it until near the ground where it must have crashed.

Sgd. A.G.Clark Capt.

Confirmed out of control by LT. F.R.Smith who was in same formation as Capt. Clark.

Combat Decisive.

Sgd. W. Sheldon Major.
Commanding 2nd Squadron,
Australian Flying Corps.

Combats in the Air.

No. 68

Squadron: **No. 2 AFC**

Date: **12th April 1918**

Type and No. of Aeroplane: **SE5a - C9539**

Time: **5 p.m.**

Armament: **Vickers & Lewis**

Locality: **Vielle Chappelle**

Pilot: **Capt. H.G. Forrest**

Duty: **O.P.**

Height: **8,000ft**

Observer :

Result	{	Destroyed <u>One</u>
		Driven down out of control _____
		Driven down _____

Remarks on Hostile Aircraft:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

One two seater; Wings coloured blue.

[P.T.O.]

Narrative.

I sighted this machine flying West near the line at VIELLE CHAPELLE.
I dived on it and fired about 150 rounds at close range. The enemy machine
immediately went down out of control and crashed at VIELLE CHAPELLE.

Lieut. SEXTON of the same patrol also saw the enemy machine crash.

Sgd. H.G. Forrest, Capt.

Combat Decisive.

Sgd. W. Sheldon, Major.
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SUMMARY OF WAR DIARY

For month ending 30th. April 1918

Herewith a brief summary of the work carried out by this Squadron during the month of April. :-

Number of Offensive patrols		34
Total War time flown	193 Hours	50Mins.
Most time flown in one day)	35 "	40 "
12.4.18.)		
No. of E.A. out of control 1)		
No. of E.A. destroyed 7)		8
Daily average of Pilots available		18
Daily average machines serviceable		16
Daily Average machines unserviceable		3

The first half of the month was spent in dropping bombs and Machine gunning the infantry, there being forty 25lb. bombs dropped and over 16,000 rounds fired into front line trenches and enemy strongposts.

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Captain R.C. PHILLIPPS MC was awarded the BAR to MILITARY CROSS for the following :-

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NO. 2 SQUADRON, AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

"WAR RECORDS DIARY"

For month ending 30th. April '18.

Casualties

Lieut. J. S. L. Ross A.F.C. Pilot Struck off strength on
adm. to Hosp'1 16.4.18.

Posted to Home Establishment

Lieut. (T/Capt) L. H. Holden MC A.F.C. Pilot) Proceeded to Home
Lieut. R. W. McKenzie MC A.F.C. Pilot) Establishment 8.4.18.

Reinforcements

Lieut. E. E. Davies A.F.C. Pilot Joined 16.4.18.
Lieut. G. Cox A.F.C. Pilot " 16.4.18.
Lieut. D. K. Stutterd A.F.C. Pilot " 5.4.18.
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Leave

Lieut. W. Q. Adams R.A.F. Pilot Returned 15.4.18.
Lieut. J. A. Adam R.A.F. Pilot " 27.4.18.

Promotions & Appointments

2/Lt. A. G. Cameron A.F.C. Pilot To be LIEUTENANT 16.2.18.
2/Lt. F. T. Currie A.F.C. Pilot -do- 19.2.18.
2/Lt. G. H. Blaxland A.F.C. Pilot -do- 8.2.18.
Lieut. A. G. Clark A.F.C. Pilot To be CAPTAIN and Flight
Commander 10.4.18.
W. O. Wynn A.L.C. A.F.C. - To be 2/Lieutenant and E.O.
(Class iii) 31.3.18.

Honours & Awards

Capt. R. C. Phillipps MC A.F.C. Flt. Cmdr. Awarded BAR to M.C.

Location

(LENS II. H. F.)
Bellevue Aerodrome, was occupied by the Squadron during the whole of
the period under review.

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No. of OFFENSIVE Patrols 34

War TIME flown 193 hours 50 mins.

Most TIME flown for one day (12.4.18.) 35 hours 40 mins.

Number of ENEMY AIRCRAFT accounted for 7

Most ENEMY AIRCRAFT accounted for by one PILOT) 3
Capt. A.G. Clark)

TYPES of machines brought down

1 two seater	by Capt. Forrest & Lt. Manuel at Demuin	2.4.18.
1 two seater	by Capt. Clark at Corbie	2.4.18.
1 two seater	by Lt. Primrose at Villers Brettoneaux	4.4.18.
1 two seater	by Capt. Clark & Lt. Blaxland at Vill's Brett,	4.4.18.
1 two seater	by Lieut. Paxton at Le Mette	6.4.18.
1 Albatross	by Capt. Clark at Longres	12.4.18.
1 two seater	by Capt. Forrest at Vieille Chapelle	12.4.18.

Daily average of PILOTS AVAILABLE 18.

Daily Average of MACHINES SERVICEABLE 16 U/S 3.

A. G. Clark
Capt. & R.O.
For O.C. No. 2 Squadron,
AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

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30th April 1918

32nd Squadron A.F.C.
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SUMMARY OF WORK AND CASUALTIES, April 1918CASUALTIES

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