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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Tetbury.	1.11.18.		<p><u>Personnel.</u> Cadet A.C. Hill No. 5 T.S. and Cadet R.B. Peagam 7 T.S. admitted A.F.C. Hosp. Tetbury on 31.10.18.</p> <p><u>General:-</u> It is notified for information that Pilots and Observers "Wings" are worn by Australian Imperial Force Officers only when serving with Australian Flying Corps. They are not to be worn by Officers after return to other Units of the A.I.F.</p> <p>The Wing Commander regrets to announce the death of No. Aus. 2983 1/AM. Cooper A.W. No. 5 T.S. which occurred at 2nd. Southern General Hospital, Bristol as the result of Influenza.</p>	
	2.11.18.		<p><u>Personnel:-</u> 2/Lieut. R.E. Archer admitted Grove Military Hospital, Tooting, 21.10.18.</p> <p><u>General:-</u> In future all cases of breach of road discipline will be referred to Commandant, A.I.F. Headquarters, before being dealt with. All M.T. Personnel found guilty of driving to the danger of the public will be transferred forthwith to an Infantry Unit as Privates.</p>	
	5.11.18.		<p><u>Personnel:-</u> Lieut. R.W. Kirkwood on reporting from A.F.C. Depot, Wendover, ex No. 3 Squadron A.F.C. B.E.F. is posted to No. 1 Two Squadron Station as Messing Officer.</p> <p>Lieut. M.R. Shelley on reporting from A.F.C. Depot, Wendover, ex No. 3 Squadron A.F.C. B.E.F. is posted to No. 2 Two Squadron Station,</p> <p>2/Lieut. L.J. Duffy, A.I.F. Educational Training School, reported 2.11.18. and is posted to No. 2 Two Squadron Station. 2.11.18.</p> <p>Capt. L.H. Holden, MC. ceased to perform the duties of Squadron Commander, No. 6 T.S. on the return of Major R.C. Phillips. MC.DFC.</p> <p>Lieut. J.H. Weigarth No. 5 T.S. reported to South Western Area Instructors School, on 3.11.18. for course commencing 4.11.18.</p> <p><u>General:-</u> In future only the names of Officers and Other Ranks who are injured whilst in performance of duty against the enemy will be shown as wounded in the Official Casualty List. Only Officers and Other Ranks so shown in the Official Casualty Lists will be entitled to wear the gold wound stripe.</p> <p>Whenever an individual who has on his charge public, Station, or Mess property of any nature, is about to relinquish responsibility for such property, he will not do so without handing over to his relief and giving and obtaining, handing over and taking over certificates.</p> <p>Cadet F.L. Matthews, No. 6 T.S. (Instructor Lieut. Whitehurst A.S.) wins the weekly Camera Gun Competition for week ending 3.11.18.</p> <p>Pupils Flying Times for week ending 3.11.18. 325 Hrs.</p>	

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Tetbury.	6.11.18.		<p><u>Personnel:-</u> Three Officers attached Central Despatch Pool, posted to Air Ministry for overseas. Capt. A.H. Cobby. D.S.O. D.F.C. reported back from South Western Area Instructors School, Gosport.</p> <p>2/Lieut. G.W. Burns, No. 7 T.S. proceeded to School of Infantry & Artillery Co-operation School Winchester. 7.11.18.</p> <p><u>General:-</u> Every Officer and Air-man of the Australian Flying Corps, will feel pride at the achievements of the Royal Air Force on the 30th Oct. No. less than 64 German machines were destroyed by fighting in the air by day. Another was destroyed by fighting at night, and two were bombed on the ground. 22 tons of bombs were dropped altogether.</p> <p>The very brilliant success in aerial fighting which destroyed 64 enemy machines (the largest number on record for one day) will give deep satisfaction to the Commanding Officers and Instructors responsible for training Pilots who will see in it the fruit of their unstinted and un-remitting labours.</p> <p>No. 4 Squadron A.F.C. recently downed 30 enemy machines in three consecutive days, of which 11 were downed during one patrol, while a formation of five machines of 2nd. Squadron A.F.C. accounted for 7 enemy aircraft during one patrol without losing a machine.</p>	
	6.11.18.		<p><u>Personnel:-</u> Six Officers proceeded to attend No. 2 School of Aerial Fighting Marske.</p>	
	11.11.18.		<p><u>General:-</u> Armistice between Germany and the Allies signed at 5 am. News was received at 5.50am. per the Wireless Aerial situated at 1st. Wing Headquarters, Tetbury, by Lieut. A.C.W. Cooke.</p> <p>The day was naturally given up to celebration of this great event. All technical and Administrative routine was temporarily suspended, and in a way fitting the occasion every Officer and man saluted the event which is to herald a victorious peace.</p>	
	14.11.18.		<p><u>Personnel:-</u> Capt. R.H. Browning MC. assumed the duties of Wing Adjutant on arrival from A.F.C. Depot, Wendover.</p> <p>Lieut. G.B. Brettingham-Moore No. 6 T.S. reported back from South Western Area Instructors School, Gosport.</p> <p>2/Lieut. W.S. Burrell reported back from No. 2 Fighting School, R.A.F. Marske.</p> <p><u>General:-</u> A Memorial Service order for Sunday the 17th inst. at 11am. All ranks to attend.</p> <p>Cadet G.B. Matthews, No. 6 T.S. wins weekly Camera Gun Competition for week ending 10.11.18.</p>	

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Tetbury.	15.11.18.		<p>2/Lieut. E.H. Collins No. 8 T.S. and 2/Lieut. V.R. Bishop, No. 5 T.S. reported back from No. 2 School of Fighting R.A.F. Marske, on 14.11.18. and 12.11.18. respectively.</p> <p><u>General:-</u> His Majesty the King, has sent the following message to the Right Hon. The Lord Weir of Eastwood, D.C. Secretary of State for the Royal Air Force:- "In this supreme hour of victory I send greetings and heartfelt congratulations to all ranks of the Royal Air Force. Our Aircraft has been ever in the front of the battle. Pilots and Observers have constantly maintained the offensive throughout the ever changing fortunes of the day, and in the war zones our gallant dead have lain always beyond the enemy lines or far out to sea. Our far flung squadrons have flown over home waters and foreign seas, the Western and Italian battle lines, Rhineland, the mountains of Macedonia, Gallipoli, Palestine, the Plains of Mesopotamia, the forests and swamps of East Africa the North West Frontier of India and the deserts of Arabia, Sinia, and Darfur. The birth of the Royal Air Force with its wonderful expansion and development will ever remain one of the most remarkable achievements of the great war. Everywhere by God's help Officers, men and women of the Royal Air Force, have splendidly maintained our just cause and their valuable assistance to the Navy, the Army, and to the Home Defence has been incalculable. For all their magnificent work, self sacrifice and devotion to duty I ask you on behalf of the Empire to thank them.</p>	
	17.11.18.		<p><u>Personnel.-</u> Lieut. Brettingham--Moore, posted to No. 6 T.S. as Instructor.</p> <p>2/Lieut. R.L. Jones, No. 7 T.S. reported back from Artillery & Infantry Co-op. School, Winchester.</p>	
	18.11.18.		<p><u>Personnel:-</u> Lieut. P.K. Schafer and Lieut. A.E. Robertson instructors of No. 5 T.S. posted to Air Ministry for Overseas.</p> <p><u>General:-</u> It is proposed to form a Wing Band as soon as possible. All bandsmen who wish to become members of the band will submit their names and instruments played either personally or in writing.</p> <p>Leave will in future be granted from 6 pm. Tuesday till 9am. Friday, and every Sunday will be observed as a half holiday work ceasing at 12-30pm. It must be clearly understood that should Officers and men abuse their leave privileges by overstaying leave or unseemly behaviour on leave, severe restrictions will be at once enforced.</p>	

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Tetbury.	19.11.18.		<u>Personnel:-</u> Cadet H. H. Pope, No. 7 T.S. admitted A.F.C. Hospital, Tetbury on 18.11.18. 2/Lieut. W. Swinton No. 7 T.S. (Instructor Lieut. G.G. Williams wins Camera Gun Competition for week ending 17.11.18.	
	21.11.18.		<u>Personnel:-</u> Major D.V. J. Blake assumed command of No. 2 Two Squadron Station, 20.11.18. Major A.W.L. Ellis ceased to perform the duties of Station Commander No. 2 Two Squadron Station on 20.11.18.	
	22.11.18.		<u>Personnel:-</u> Lieut. L. Wharton posted from No. 5 T.S. to No. 6 T.S. for duty as Adjutant. Lieut. M. Sheehan from A.F.C. Headquarters, Ex No. 3 Squadron B.E.F. to No. 7 T.S. <u>General:-</u> It has been noticed that Motor Lorries are exceeding the Speed Limit, especially in towns. Strong disciplinary action will be taken where lorries are driven at excessive speeds causing danger to the public. Owing to an outbreak of measles and diptheria, Whitechurch Salop is out of bounds to all troops proceeding on leave until further orders.	
	25.11.18.		Major A.W.L. Ellis MC. posted to Air Ministry for overseas 23.11.18. Lieut. J.E. Keating MC. posted to A.F.C. Depot, Wendover, for leave to Australia. Capt. G.C. Wilson MC.DCM. will perform the duties of Station Commander No. 2 Two Squadron Station, vice Major D.V.J. Blake absent at South Western Area Flying Instructors School, Gosport. Capt. N. Clark. will perform the duties of Squadron Commander, No. 7 T.S. vice Major D.V.J. Blake. Capt. G.C. Wilson. MC. DCM. will perform the duties of Squadron Commander, No. 8 T.S. vice Major A.W.L. Ellis, MC. to Air Ministry for Overseas.	
	27.11.18.		Cadet K. Muhlebach No. 7 T.S. (Instructor Lieut. V.R. Abbott) wins Weekly Camera Gun Competition for week ending 24.11.18.	

Lt. Brown CAPT. & ADJT.
1ST WING HEADQUARTERS, A.F.C.