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Tetbury.	3.1.19.		<p><u>Personnel.</u> Cadet A. Stewart, is posted from 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool to No. 7 T.S. 2.1.1919. Major. G.A.C. Cowper having resigned his appointment in the A.I.F. is terminated and accordingly he is struck off Strength of No. 6 T.S. A.F.C. 24.12.18. Lieut. (T/Capt) R.L. Manuel D.F.C. No. 6 T.S. is appointed Flight Commander and promoted to Captain 20.7.18. Lieut. G.H. Kindred No. 2 Two Sqdn. Stn. proceeded to Course of Aerial Navigation, Andover, on 1.1.19.</p> <p><u>General.</u> The King has been graciously pleased to give Orders for the following promotions in and appointments to "MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE for valuable services rendered in connection with the War. To be an Officer of the Military Division of the said Most Excellent Order:- Major.(T/Lt. Col.) Walter Oswald Watt, A.F.C. 1.1.19. The following is a continuation of Sir D. Haig's Despatch of the 8th November 1918 submitting names deserving of Special Mention. Lieut. (T/Capt.) A.H. Cobby. "DSO" "DFC". Aust. F.C. Capt. E.J. McCloughry. "DSO" "DFC". Aust. F.C. The Minister for Defence on the recommendation of the General Commanding the Australian Imperial Force has approved of the undermentioned promotions being made in the Australian Military Forces for specially meritorious service rendered whilst on Active Service during the present War to date from 1st January 1919:- Capt. (Major T/Lt. Col) A.I.F) W.O. Watt. Reserve Of Officers, to be Brevet Major. Promotion to Temporary and Non-Commissioned Rank. Personal appointed Instructors for Education duties in Units in the A.I.F. may in cases where the requisite rank is not already held by them be promoted to temporary rank, according to the following scale:- One Sergeant and one Corporal to each Squadron. "1914-15 Star". His Majesty the King having been graciously pleased to recognise by the grant of a distinctive decoration the services rendered by His Majesty's Military Forces in France and Belgium during the earlier days of the War in 1914, His Majesty has been further pleased to recognise likewise the services rendered by others of His Military Forces who served in theatres of War between the 5th August 1914 and the 31st December 1915, both dates inclusive. The decoration will be a Star in bronze. No clasp will be issued with the Star. The Riband will be red, white and blue, shaded and watered.</p>	

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Tetbury.	3.1.19.		<u>General (Contd)</u> "The attention of all Units is drawn to the importance of quoting reference numbers in correspondence, acknowledging letters, when acknowledgement is called for, and rendering reports and returns by a specified date.	
	6.1.19.		<u>Personnel.</u> Lieut. A.G. Clark. Lieut. R.W. McKenzie. (MC) and 2/Lieut. G.A. Doust, are posted from 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool to A.F.C. H.Qrs for return to Australia, 6.1.19. Capt. A.T. Cole is posted from No. 5 T.S. to 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool.	
	7.1.19.		Cadet G.O. Harrison posted from 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool from No. 6 T.S. 20.12.18. Capt. L.P. Fay discharged from A.F.C. Hospital, 4.1.19.	
	8.1.19.		Lieut. A.J.B. McKenzie posted from A.F.C. H.Qrs to 1st Wing H.Qrs (Supernumerary) 7.1.19. Capt. R.G.D. Francis "DFC" ceases to perform duties of Squadron Commander No. 7 T.S. 7.1.19. Major. L.J. Wackett "DFC" will perform duties of Squadron Commander, No. 7 T.S. 7.1.19.	
	13.1.19.		2/Lieut. E.W. Smith posted from No. 5 T.S. to A.F.C. H.Qrs for return to Australia 23.12.18. Cadet L.C. Lemon is taken on strength of 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool from No. 8 T.S. 10.1.19. Capt. J.L. Wackett "DFC" to command (Temp) No. 7 T.S. and to be T/Major whilst so employed. 7.1.19. Lieut. S.J. Moir admitted to A.F.C. Hospital, Tetbury, 6.1.19.	
			<u>General.</u> Wearing of mourning by Non-Commissioned Officers and Soldiers when in Uniform. N.C.O's and men when in mourning may wear a black band $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide on the left arm above the elbow.	
	14.1.19.		<u>Personnel.</u> Lieut. J.S. Mellish and T.E. Rand are posted from 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool to A.F.C. H.Qrs London for return to Australia 13.1.19. 2/Lieut. D.N. Rees posted from No. 8 T.S. to 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool 12.1.19. Cadet F.H. Pinnock is posted from No. 8 T.S. to 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool 12.1.19. Cadet S.King-Mason posted from No. 5 T.S. to 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool. 13.1.19 Capt. A.E. Morgan 45th Btn. A.I.F. is appointed Wing Quartermaster, 1st Wing, 11.1.19. <u>General.</u> The Wing Commander congratulates all ranks on the success of the A.F.C. Parades for the distribution of Xmas gifts on Sunday 12.1.19.	

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TETBURY.	15.1.	19.	<p><u>Personnel.</u> 2/Lieut. E.A. Gornall is posted from 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool to A.F.C. Depot, Wendover. 10.1.19.</p> <p>Cadet F.B. Gurley. is posted from 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool to No. 6 T.S. 14.1.19.</p> <p>Cadets L.C. Tully and F.T.D. Gulley. posted from 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool to A.F.C. H.Qrs London, for return to Australia.</p> <p>2/Lieut. G.A. Waterhouse is appointed Asst. Instructor, No. 7 T.S. 15.1.19.</p>	
	16.1.	19.	<p>Cadet T.L. Keen is posted from No. 6 T.S. to 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool 14.1.19.</p> <p>Cadets S.L.S. Randall, W.F. Chapman, and H.E. Fraser, No. 8 T.S. C.W. Morgan No. 5 T.S. having graduated are appointed Flying Officers (Pilots) and to be 2/Lieuts in the A.I.F.</p> <p><u>General.</u> "1914-15 Star". It is notified for information that the riband of the "1914-15 Star" may now be worn by Officers and Soldiers who are entitled to the above Star. This Star is a War medal and is to be worn as such, The riband will be worn with the red edge to the right i.e., with the red edge farthest from the left shoulder. A preliminary issue of 3 inches of the riband will be made in the case of each serving individual who is entitled to the Star.</p> <p>The Commissioners of the Australian Comforts Fund wish to express their appreciation of the reception that was given them by the Wing and Units of the Australian Flying Corps at Minchinhampton and Leighterton.</p> <p>Lieut. A.J.B. McKenzie is appointed permanent Wing Orderly Officer 16.1.19.</p>	
	20.1.	19.	<p><u>Personnel.</u></p> <p>Cadet Pinneck F.H. is posted from 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool to No. 8 T.S.. 18.1.19.</p> <p>Cadet Hudson A.F. is posted from No. 8 T.S. to 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool 16.1.19.</p> <p>Cadet Gaze W.O. No. 7 T.S. having graduated is appointed Flying Officer (Pilot) and to be 2/Lieut in the A.I.F. 11.1.19.</p>	
	22.1.	19.	<p>Capt. A.H. Cobby "DSO" "DFC". is appointed Fighting Instructor and is attached to No. 2 Two Sqn. Stn.</p>	
	23.1.	19.	<p>Lieut. L.P. Little "MC" and Cadet J.H. Blaikie are posted from 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool to A.F.C. H.Qrs for return to Australia. Cadet R.G. Chapman is posted from No. 5 T.S. to 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool. Lieut. R. Douglas is posted from No. 6 T.S. to 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool.</p> <p>2/Lieut. H.J.C. Fuller is posted from No. 6 T.S. (On Command) Marske) to A.F.C. H.Qrs London for return to Australia</p>	

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TETBURY.	23.1.19.		<p><u>General.</u> In the event of an accident occurring to any Officer or man, which results in his death or admission to Hospital, immediate steps will be taken to safeguard his property. In the case of an Officer in sole occupation of a room, it will suffice if the door be locked and sealed until an inventory can be taken. In other cases all kit and property should be at once removed to Store for safe custody.</p> <p><u>Personnel.</u></p>	
	25.1.19.		<p>Cadets J.M. Cavanagh, F.L. Matthews; 6 T.S. W.A. Harley, A. Stewart, F. Basse; 7 T.S. and W.F. De C. Patten, E.C. Cork, G.N. Edwick, 8 T.S. having graduated are appointed Flying Officers (Pilots) and to be 2/Lieuts. in the A.I.F.</p>	
	27.1.19.		<p>Capt. R.H. Browning (MC) is posted from 1st Wing H.Qrs to A.F.C. H.Qrs London, 26.1.19. Lieut. S.J. Moir, is posted from 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool to A.F.C. H.Qrs London for return to Australia. 2/Lieut. McClean is posted from No. 5 T.S. to 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool 24.1.19. 2/Lieut. J. Paterson is posted from No. 6 T.S. to A.F.C. Headquarters, London for return to Australia.</p>	
	28.1.19.		<p>Lieut. R.F. Archer is posted from 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool to A.F.C. H.Qrs for return to Australia. 24.1.19. <u>General.</u> All ranks are notified that all training (flying) will cease in Australian Flying Corps Squadrons on Saturday 15th March 1919, at</p>	
	31.1.19.		<p><u>Personnel.</u> 2/Lieut. N. Donaldson is posted from 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool to No. 7 T.S. Cadets A.S. Wilkinson 8 T.S., A.C. Hill, C.E. Littler, D.H. Blake and J.I. Smith No. 5 T.S. having graduated are appointed Flying Officer (Pilots) and to be 2/Lieuts in the A.I.F.</p>	

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