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Tetbury.	4.2.19.		<p>Personnel. Chaplain the Rev. C. Murphy is posted to A.I.F. Headquarters from attached 1st Wing H.Qrs. 3.2.19.</p> <p>Lieut. R.H. Youdale is posted from No. 8 T.S. to 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool 3.2.19.</p> <p>Cadet. Lemon L.C. posted from 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool to No. 8 T.S. Leighterton 3.2.19</p> <p>Capt. L.P. Fay MC, posted from 1st Wing H.Qrs to Air Ministry for Overseas, 3.2.19.</p> <p>Lieut. W.H. Millard posted from No. 5 T.S. to 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool 4.2.19.</p>	
	5.2.19.		<p>Deaths. The Wing Commander regrets to announce the deaths of the undermentioned Officer and Cadet who were killed on 4.2.19. as the result of aeroplane accidents and who are struck off the strength of 1st Wing A.F.C. accordingly:- Lieut J.H. Weingarth and Cadet C.C. Fredericks. 5 T.S.</p>	
	5.2.19.		<p>Personnel. Cadet H. Markey and Cadet W.A. Townsend having graduated are appointed F.O. Pilots and to be 2/Lieuts. in the A.I.F. 28th January 1919.</p> <p>General. A Court of Enquiry composed as under will assemble at Leighterton Station on 5.2.19 at a time to be notified by the President for the purpose of inquiring into and reporting upon the financial position of the Leighterton Officers' Mess, the loss of Barrack Equipment and such matters as may be brought before it. President:- Capt. W. Scott. A.I.F. H.Q.</p> <p>Members :- 2/Lieut. J.A.W. Cooke. 1st Wing H.Q.</p> <p>The Wing Q.M. will be in attendance. Proceedings will be forwarded on completion to 1st Wing H.Q. (in duplicate)</p> <p>Personnel. Cadet Claydon S. and Cadet Sharp. J. are posted from No. 8 T.S. to 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool.</p> <p>Major. E. Harrison and Capt. R.F. Galloway, are attached to 1st Wing H.Q. (Supernumerary) with effect from 5.2.19.</p> <p>General. Precise of communication received & despatched. From C.I. to A.I.F. Depots in U.K.</p> <p>With regard to the recommendation that 1914 personnel who have not yet had 1914 furlough, should be granted 60 days furlough in Australia in addition to the 7½ days per six months approved for others, that the G.O.C. A.I.F. cannot sanction any alteration to the scheme as laid down by Defence, that is, they will be entitled to the same as that which was given to those 1914 men already returned to Australia (60 days, which is at the rate of 7½ days per six months service) and any additional leave which will accrue under the extended service which they are rendering. Later advice states that Australian furlough will not in any case exceed 60 days.</p>	

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Tetbury.	10.2.19.		<p><u>Personnel.</u> Cadet T.L. Keen is posted from 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool to No. 6 T.S. 31.1.19.</p> <p>2/Lieut.. W.A. Harley, posted from No. 7 T.S. to 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool.</p> <p>Cadet Harrison D.T. having graduated is appointed F.O. Pilot and to be 2/Lieut. in the A.I.F. 4th Feb. 1919.</p> <p>The Following Cadets having qualified are appointed Equipment Officers Class 111 (Wireless) on probation and to be 2/Lieuts. on probation in the A.I.F. 3rd February 1919:-</p> <p>Cadet A.C.W. Cook. Cadet T.W. Bridger.</p> <p><u>General.</u> The C.O. will ensure that particular attention is paid to the matter of debits on account of fines and forfeitures. All such fines and forfeitures, etc., must be entered in the Soldier's paybook and the paybook number and payment number entered on A.F.B. 2069. In cases where the Soldier's paybook is not in his possession advice must be sent immediately to the Depot Paymaster. Officers and Others holding temporary rank at the time of their withdrawal for non-military employment (Industrial or Educational) will revert to their substantive ranks from the date on which they relinquish the appointment for which the temporary rank was granted.</p>	
	13.2.19.		<p><u>Personnel.</u> Lieut. J.A. Robertson P.S.L. is posted from No. 8 T.S. to 1st Wing H.Q. 13.2.19.</p> <p>Lieut. A.J.B. McKenzie posted from 1st Wing H.Q. to A.F.C. H.Q. London (return to Australia) 10.2.19. Lieut. R.E. Marsden promoted to Lieut. from 18.3.19. Cadet C.R. Traill having graduated is appointed Flying Officer (Pilot) and to be 2/Lieut. in the A.I.F. 5.2.19.</p> <p>Lieut. J.A. Robertson (from Super. List) is seconded as Adjutant, 1st Aust. Wing (vice Capt. R.H. Browning MC) 27th Jan. 1919.</p> <p><u>General.</u> In the event of an Officer in the A.F.C. being selected for appointment to a permanent commission in the R.A.F. there will be no objection to his being discharged from the A.I.F. subject to the usual conditions respecting discharges in England.</p> <p><u>Deaths.</u> The Wing Commander regrets to announce the deaths of Aus. 353 T/Cpl. Mech. Buland. H.L. No. 2 Two Sqdn. Stn. and Aus. 3148 2/A.M. Filmer. E.T. No. 5 T.S. from natural causes and who are accordingly struck off strength of 1st Wing A.F.C. on 10.2.19 and 12.2.19 respectively.</p>	
	17.2.19.		<p><u>Personnel.</u> Lieut. R.E. Marsden performed the duties of Wing Adjutant from 27.1.19. to 13.2.19.</p>	

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Tetbury.	20.2.19.		<p><u>Personnel.</u> Lieut. J.B. Lindsay posted from No. 6 T.S. to 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool, 19.2.19.</p> <p>Capt. A.H. Gobby. DSO. DFC. posted from 1st Wing H.Q. to 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool. 19.2.19.</p> <p>Capt. E.J. McLoughry. DSO. DFC. is posted from 1st Wing H.Q. to Dept. of Repatriation & Demobilization (Educational Course) 19.2.19.</p> <p>Capt. A.T. Cole MC DFC. posted from 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool to A.I.F. H.Qrs. (return to Australia) 7.2.19.</p> <p>Capt. A.H. Gobby DSO. DFC. was admitted to 3rd London General Hospital, 15.2.19. from 1st Wing H.Q.</p> <p>4857 (Cpl) Fromen. V.E. 2nd Div. Sig. Co., late A.F.C. terminated his appointment as a Cadet from 5.2.19.</p> <p>Cadet C.D. Gibb. having graduated is appointed F.O. Pilot and to be 2/Lieut. in the A.I.F. from 11.2.19.</p> <p><u>General.</u> A communication has been received stating that D.G. repatriation & Demobilization has given a verbal decision that normal subsistence payable to all ranks is at rate of 6/- per diem whilst engaged on non-military employment. Requesting that steps be taken to circular this information as applications are still coming forward recommending rate of 10/- for Officers.</p>	
	21.2.19.		<p><u>Personnel.</u> 2/Lieut. W.H. McLaughlan and Cadet N.H. Mayger are posted from 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool from No. 5 T.S. 20.2.19.</p> <p><u>General.</u> Attention is drawn to F.S. publication No. 46 para 139. Vehicles will not be taken on the road until such time as registration with the local authorities has been applied for. The numbers will be painted on the vehicles according to regulations immediately on receipt. All Units are instructed that before publishing in Units Orders general information or instructions (apart from duties, movements, parades, punishments, etc) such information must first appear in Wing Orders.</p>	
	24.2.19.		<p><u>Personnel.</u> Cadet F.J. Thomas having graduated is appointed F.O. (Pilot) and to be 2/Lieut in the A.I.F. 11.2.19. nearest</p> <p><u>General.</u> All pilots having forced landings and applying to the R.A.F. Squadron for assistance will come under the O.C. of that Station until such time as their Machines are fit to fly away. and will not leave their machines without permission from that Officer.</p> <p><u>Personnel.</u> The Wing Commander regrets to announce the death of Aus. 3261 2/A.M. McGuffie R.N.V. No. 7 T.S. from natural causes and who is accordingly struck off strength of 1st Wing A.F.C. on 19.2.19.</p>	

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Tetbury	26.2.	19.	<p>Personnel. Lieut. C.L. Burrett, posted from No. 6 T.S. to 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool. 25.2.19.</p> <p>2/Lieut. N. Markey, posted from No. 5 T.S. to 1st Wing N.E.O. Pool 25.2.19 .</p> <p>Cadet E.E. de M. Wade is promoted to 2/lieut. on probation and Armanent Officer 12.2.19.</p> <p>General. Officers, WarrantOfficers, N.C.Os and men granted any temporary rank whilst holding appointments, other tan temporary rank to fill a vacancy in the authorised establishment of their own Units will hereafter be required to forego any claims for repatriation and demobilization unless and until by reason of the process of demobilization functions of their office lapse. Recommendations for such promotions will in future be accompanied by a certificate to this effect. A similar rule will govern the grant of any increase or promotion in extra regimental rank. Officers and OtherRanks returning to Australia who have been awarded decorations and have-not or presented with same will receive them at a parade of troops in Australia. Applications in connection with same are unnecessary but in the event of unnecessary delay in presentation after arrival in Australia an enquiry will be made to the Officer i/c Base Records, Dept. of Defence Melbourne.</p>	

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