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OF

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Cirencester	Feb. 1.	-	No. 3957 1/AM Williams J.W. is temporarily attached for duty as clerk to 1st Wing Headquarters from No. 6 T.S. Tern Hill. Capt. L.P. Fay visited Leighterton to-day.	
-do-	" 3.	-	Capt. Fay and Capt. Ellis visited Wing Headquarters, Tetbury. Inspected work at Aerodromes, Leighterton and Minchinhampton.	
-do-	" 4.	-	Capt. Fay visited Tetbury to-day re telephone. Lieut. Colonel Hobbs called to see Capt. Fay. Returns "G1" "213", "2069", "Absentee Report" T.3262, forwarded to S.O. for Av. to-day.	
-do-	" 5.	-	Fortnightly holiday for 7th & 8th Training Squadrons. Capt. L.P. Fay, visited Tetbury to-day with Lieut. Col. Hobbs.	
-do-	" 6.	-	Rations drawn direct from to-day for No. 7 T.S. Leighterton and 1st Wing Headquarters. Collected at Tetbury and taken to Leighterton.	
-do-	" 7.	-	Captain G.C. Wilson attached to 1st Wing Headquarters, A.F.C. as Supernumerary Officer. (Home Service).	
-do-	" 8.	-	Mr. Swinbourne from Salisbury Quartering Committee inspected buildings at Tetbury.	
-do-	" 9.	-	Mr. Swinbourne again at Tetbury. Barrack Furniture arrived at Tetbury; fatigue Party removing. Material from Station to Store to-day.	
-do-	" 11.	-	1st Wing Headquarters moved from Cirencester to Tetbury to-day. Authority from Major Brinsmead per telephone.	

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Cirencester	Feb. 11.	-	Bamford House, Silver Street, Tetbury, taken over for Wing Offices. A fine old house, water and gas laid on. Rooms airy and light and well ventilated. Telephone service "although not efficient" already installed 15 mins. from Station. Officers are billeted at the White Hart Hotel. Northville House at Northfield taken over for housing personnel, "Other" Ranks.	
Tetbury.	" 12.	-	No. 3839 2/AM Heron R. Carpenter on Command from No. 8 T.S, to 1st Wing Headquarters.	
-do-	" 13.	-	Eight Engine Fitters transferred from No. 7 T.S. Lasborough House to No. 7 T.S. Nucleus Flight Yatesbury. Four Armourers and four Carpenters marched into No. 7 T.S. from Wendover.	
-do-	" 14.	-	2/AM Wilson and 1/AM Spike reported to 1st Wing Headquarters; Wilson as Messing Clerk and Spike for No. 7 T.S.	
-do-	" 15.	-	Lieut. Mathews, Wireless E.O. reported for duty to-day. Sergt. Sykes reported from A.F.C. Headquarters, for duty with Transport Section.	
-do-	" 17.	-	Staff removed to new sleeping Quarters to-day. Standing Orders and Rules for discipline published to-day. Major Anderson O.C. No. 7 T.S, reported from A.I.F; occupied Butchers Shop, Long St, to-day, as Messing and Recreation rooms.	
-do-	" 18.	-	Transport Section removed from Cirencester today and commenced Billeting with Wing Headquarters Staff at Northville House. Capt. Macnaughton and Lieut. Johnson proceeded to London to go before a Medical Board. Visit from Group Gunnery Officer.	

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Tetbury.	Feb. 19.	-	Lieut. Johnson and Capt. Macnaughton reported back from London to-day. Visit from Group Quarter Master.	
-do-	" 20.	-	Major Anderson and other Officers moved into Lasborough Farm Cottage, Leighterton to-day. C.O. Lieut. Col. Watt arrived at Cirencester to-day. Visit from Capt. Hoffgaard R.F.C. re Messing for Officers. Clerks, Storeman etc, removed from Yatesbury No. 7 T.S. to Lasborough House to-day. 2/AM Rook, Motor Cyclist, attached to No. 8 T.S. at Minchinhampton for duty. Capt. Tooth E.N. W.E.O. reported to-day.	
-do-	" 21.	-	Lieut. Col. Watt arrived Tetbury to-day with Col Martin, R.F.C. Three Air Mechanics out from No. 7 T.S. to A.F.C. Depot. Letters written to Miss Court and Miss Stobart re employment as Typists etc.	
-do-	" 22.	-	F/Sgt. Whiffin reported to 1st Wing Headquarters, Tetbury from No. 6 T.S. 1st Wing Orders issued for 1st time by order of Lieut. Col. Watt.	
-do-	" 23.	-	Reinforcements for No. 8 T.S. arrived from Yatesbury bringing No. 8 T. Squadron, up to 90 Strong in personnel. Capt. E.N. Tooth, A.F.C. posted as Wing Equipment Officer.	
-do-	" 24.	-	Lieut. R.O.C. Mathews A.F.C, posted as Wing Wireless Officer. E.O. Class 2.	
-do-	" 25.	-	No. 8 T.S. moved from Minchinhampton to Leighterton. No. 6 T.S. moved from Tern Hill Salop to Minchinhampton. 19 machines left Ternhill by air, 14 arriving at Minchinhampton after a good trip. Move completed in regard to Personnel.	

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Tetbury.	Feb. 26.	-	Remainder of No. 6 T.S. Machines arrived in good condition at Minchinhampton. Stores arrived by train at Chalford. Move of No. 6 T.S. completed. Wing Orders No. 2 issued. Capt. M.A. Ley and Capt. T.E. Marshall posted as Station Medical Officers to Minchinhampton and Leighterton respectively.	
-do-	" 27.	-	Major. H.C. Brinsmead M.C. visit the Wing in company with the A.D.M.S. re the organization of Medical Services.	
-do-	" 28.	-	Miss D. Court commenced duties as Lady Typist, the first to be appointed in the first Australian Wing.	

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