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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Tetbury.	May, 1.	1918.	Lieut. W.S. Martin, No. 6 T.S. proceeded to AYR, for Fighting Course at School of Aerial Fighting. This is an Imperial School for finishing off Pupils prior to proceeding Overseas.	
"	2nd.		Capt. L. Holden, M.C. transferred from No. 2 Squadron, B.E.F. to No. 6 T.S. as Flight Commander, and Lieut. W.H. Brasch from 4th Squadron to No. 8 T.S. Leighterton as Asst. Instructor.	
"	3rd.		No. 7 Group R.A.F., formed 30.4.18. Formation published in Orders to-day. 1st Wing, Aust. F.C. are in No. 7 Group, and No. 2 Area, both of whose Headquarters, are situated at Salisbury. For all matters connected with actual training of Pupils, this Wing is administered by the Royal Air Force, through this Area and Group.	
"	4th.		Lieut. W. Scott, reported to take up duties Officer in charge of "Q" Services. Lieut. Rand, Instructor and Cadet Hill, No. 5 T.S. admitted to Hospital as the result of an Aeroplane Accident.	
"	6th.		1st Australian Wing transferred from Western Group Command, R.A.F. to No. 7 Group Command South Western Area, R.A.F. as from 28.4.18. This is in keeping with the organization of the New Royal Air Force.	
"	7th.		Lieut. Col. Watt, Commanding 1st Wing, inspected Wing Headquarters, Motor Transport Section today. O.K. Lieut. J.E. Keating M.C. transferred from Wing Headquarters, to No. 5 T.S. as Acting Adjutant, vice Lieut. G.H. Leslie M.C. transferred to Aust. F.C. Depot, as Adjutant. 10 new Cadets commenced instruction to-day.	
"	13th.		Officers proceeding to finishing Schools are to take the whole of their kits with them. (Ex. No. 7 Group Orders No. 41) Lieut. Brake taken on strength from No. 3rd Squadron, B.E.F. <i>for duties of Wing Summary Office.</i> Address of No. 5 T.S. registered as "Aerofivaus". Pupils flying times week ending 11.5.18. 304 hours. 25 minutes.	✓ (Contd)

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TETBURY.	May.14th.		<p>Major Brown, 2/Lieut. Eddie, and Cummings, proceeded to Gosport for Course. Lieut. Pflaum, reported back to Gosport. Lieuts. Lawson, Taylor, and Sands reported from A.F.C. Depot.</p> <p>Speed limits through Tetbury village defined as under:- Light Tenders and Motor Cycles 20 miles per hour. Heavy Tenders and Motor Cycles 4 miles per hour.</p>	
	" 16th.		<p>Designation of Areas in R.A.F. altered to-day as follows:- No. 1 Area becomes South Eastern Area. No. 2 Area becomes South Western Area, No. 3 Area becomes Midland Area, No. 4 Area becomes North Eastern Area. No. 5 Area becomes North North Western Area. The greatest care is urged of "empties" owing to the present shortage of petrol cans.</p>	
	" 20th.		<p>If any aeroplane or balloon comes into contact with telegraph or telephone wires, matter must be reported immediately to nearest Railway Station. If aeroplane or balloon comes into contact with property other than railway property matter to be reported to nearest Post Office, or telephone exchange.</p> <p>No machines sent to A.R.S. are to have any of their serviceable parts removed. Nomenclatures of A.F.C. as per appended Schedule to be instituted. The King has graciously approved of the award of the Military Cross to Lieut. R. W. McKenzie, for marked determination and devotion to duty. Rev. F.H. Durnford M.C. arrives as Chaplain to the Wing. The School of Special Flying, Gosport will in future be known as No. 1 School of Special Flying, The practice of stunting where persons congregate is prohibited. Flying Times, week ending 18.5.18. 309 hours. 15 mins.</p>	
	" 21st.		<p>Only authorised Drivers are to drive cars issued to Officers. This does not apply to M.T. Officers of A.S.C.</p>	
	" 23rd.		<p>In future all Pupils going on first solo will have red streamer 2ft x 6" on tail. These machines are to be given a wide berth.</p>	

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TETBURY.	May 24th.		Lieut. Col. Watt proceeded to Hull to be present at the presentation of an aeroplane to the Australian Government by Hull Chamber of Commerce. Major Cowper, temporarily took Command of Wing during Commander's absence.	
"	28th.		Lieut. Col. Watt, having returned from Hull resumed Command of 1st Wing, A.F.C. After an accident involving damage to planes, all planes will be removed, stripped, cleaned and examined.	
"	29th.		Pilots must not fly near Hospitals, especially the Shell Shock Hospital, at Wilton House. No Officer below Wing Commander to visit Group Headquarters, unless ordered to do so.	
"	31st		A certain procedure must be adopted when firing practice is going on, on dromes. This might be a source of danger to pilots landing from strange dromes, who our ignorant at such practice is being carried out. A large white diamond is to be placed in the centre of the aerodrome.	

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