

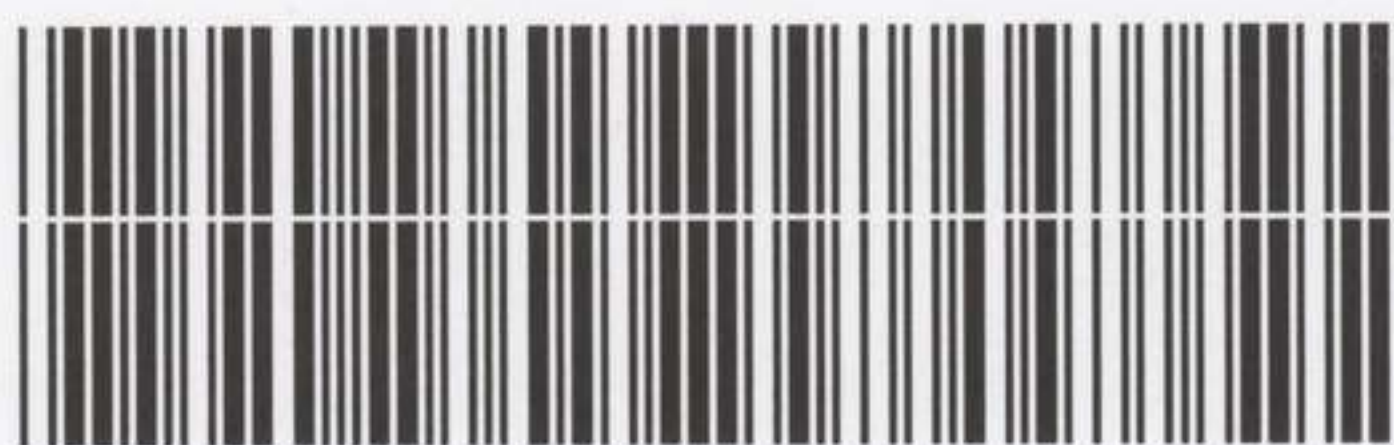
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TETBURY.	June 1st. 1918.		The wearing of chevrons denoting Overseas service and "A" denoting service on Gallipoli becomes compulsory.	
	" 4th "		When collisions occur between government vehicles and private vehicles a Court of Enquiry must be held and forwarded to No. 7 Group through the usual channel. The reporting of casualties to G.O.C., Southern Command is to be discontinued. The Aerodrome at Reading is not to be used as a landing ground unless in cases of extreme urgency.	
	6th.		Court of Enquiry ordered to assemble at a time to be decided by president to enquire into accident to Crossley Light Tender No. 76725C. The King has been graciously pleased to confer the rewards as follows;—on the occasion of His Majesty's birthday. Awarded the D.F.C. Major W.H. Anderson. Major A.M. Jones, Lieut. (T/Capt) E.J. Jones. Lieut. L.E. Taplin.	
	7th.		A serious complaint has been received by G.O.C. Administrative Headquarters, re men molesting M.P's. Any Air Mechanic found guilty of same will be transferred to Infantry on grounds of "Inefficiency" as no soldier is efficient unless disciplined. Pupils flying times:— Week ending, 25.5.18. 424 hours. " " " " Week ending 1.6.18. 391 hours 40 mins.	
	10th.		As far as it concerns the A.F.C. No. 7 Group Non-effective Officers' Pool ceases to exist. The formation of the 1st Wing, A.F.C. Non-effective Officers' Pool is in lieu thereof. Officers of the A.F.C. as present in the former are automatically transferred to the latter. Only legible copies of orders are to be sent to the Air Ministry. Pupils flying times. Week ending 8.6.18. 534 hours 5 mins.	

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TETBURY,	June 13th.	1918.	Applications or hasteners for Stores from A.O.D. are being sent by telegram. A letter would serve the purpose except in cases of urgency. The practice of flying low over cattle grazing and over roads frequented by horse traffic must cease forthwith. The practice of letting engines run without anyone in the pilot's seat is dangerous and must be discontinued. It is notified for information that flying over Ammunition depots and works constitutes a danger to the public and should be avoided.	
	15th.		All cables sent to Australia accepted on reduced rates are liable to considerable delay. From Sunday 16th June the best spool of films of machines in the air taken during the week by a pilot when flying, prints will be made and displayed in instruction rooms.	
	17th.		Units when quoting extracts from Orders (Other) will quote the authority (at the end). In addition to regulations in force re low flying, Pilots will not fly low over flocks of sheep and herds of cattle. No. 7 Group Instructor's School moved from Old Sarum to Andover Station.	
	18th.		Considerable waste of water occurs, when the R.A.F. Vehicles are washed. Unless necessary a hose should not be used. There are regulations stating the amount of water to be used on the various types of machines. All movements of Officers promulgated in Group Orders are to be complied with within 24 hours. If not a wire is to be despatched to Group stating reason of delay. All O.C.'s are warned re the dangerous practice of allowing naked candles in tents. No uncovered lights should be allowed. Care should be taken re disposal of matches and cigarette ends. Pupils flying times:- Week ending 15.6.18. 215 hours 30 mins.	
	19th.		A pilots who is looking for a fight in the air will carry a handkerchief or piece of rag tied to his neck and floating out behind. Other than this the signal "carry on & fight" will be given by a series of quick fore-and-aft movements of the joy-stick. On no account must a pilot be tackled who does not give this signal. Mechanics must not smoke while working on aeroplanes or engines or in Flight Sheds and Repair Shops. No Officer in the Area to visit Air Ministry without written authority from G.O.C., Area.	

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TETBURY.	June 21st.18.		A very large number of Aeroplane watches have been lost. The Flight Commander in whose charge they are, are responsible for same.	
"	24th.		Mess Bills are to be paid by Officers by 7th of each month and no Officer will be allowed to leave the Station for more than 24 hours unless he produces his receipted Mess Bill. The Transfer of younger Brothers under para 333. K.R's. has been suspended for the duration of the War. Artillery machines will frequently be operating near Tetbury and may be attacked if Pilot carries a neck streamer. Pupils' Flying Times:- Week ending 22.6.18. 494 Hrs. 45 Mins.	
"	25th.		2/Lt. O.D. Shepherd. 2/Lt. S. Hawke. Equal in this week's Camera Gun Competition.	
"	27th.		Reference numbers must be quoted in correspondence. A Tennis Tournament will be held and entries are invited to compete for Trophies given by Wing Commander.	
"	28th.		Sister E.S. Chaplin arrives to nurse <sup>at</sup> Tetbury Hospital. All Inefficient Mechanics of A.F.C. are to be sent to Infantry or other A.I.F. Depots in U.K.	
"	28th.		A Marathon Race will be run between Leighterton and Minchinhampton at an early date. Entries are invited. Mails from Australia of various dates arriving together does not mean delay at A.B.P.O. but is explained by the fact that mails are sent by various routes.	

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