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WAR DIARY

for

1ST SQUADRON, AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

for

FEBRUARY 1919.

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Signature of Officer Commanding Major

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WAR DIARY - FEBRUARY 1919.</u> <u>666</u></p> <p>MAP REFERENCES - References to places throughout the diary and in the reports and appendices refer to the following map - JERUSALEM 1/250,000.</p>	

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			<u>NOTES.</u>	
			<p><u>Reports.</u> A copy of the monthly report of 1st Squadron, A.F.C. for the month of February is attached.</p>	Appendix 1.
			<p><u>Orderly Room Cases.</u></p> <p>There were 8 Orderly Room Cases during the month.</p>	
			<p><u>Appendices.</u></p> <p>Appendices 1, 2 & 11 are attached.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAMLEH (Palestine)	1/2/19.		Machines Serviceable 13 Unserviceable Nil. Armistice still on. <u>Hours flown during the day - Nil.</u>	Appendix 3 (1)
	2/2/19.		Machines Serviceable 13 Unserviceable Nil. Armistice still on. <u>Hours flown during the day - Nil.</u>	Appendix 3 (2)
	3/2/19.		Machines Serviceable 13 Unserviceable Nil. Armistice still on. <u>Hours flown during the day - Nil.</u>	Appendix 3 (3)
	4/2/19.		Machines, transport and equipment handed over to No.111 Squadron, R.A.F. Advance party left RAMLEH for KANTARA to take over camp lately occupied by No.111 Squadron. Armistice still on.	
	5/2/19.		Armistice still on. No Squadron activity.	
	6/2/19.		Armistice still on. 2315 Squadron left by train for KANTARA.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
KANTARA (EGYPT)	7/2/19.		Armistice still on.	
		0700	Squadron arrived KANTARA and occupied camp vacated by No.111 Squadron, R.A.F.	
	8/2/19.		Armistice still on. No Squadron activity.	
	9/2/19.		Armistice still on. No Squadron activity.	
	10/2/19.		Armistice still on. No Squadron activity.	
	11/2/19.		Armistice still on. No Squadron activity.	
	12/2/19.		Armistice still on. No Squadron activity.	
	13/2/19.		Armistice still on. No Squadron activity.	
	14/2/19.		Armistice still on. No Squadron activity.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
KANTARA (EGYPT)	15/2/19.		Armistice still on. No Squadron activity.		
	16/2/19.		Armistice still on. No Squadron activity.		
	17/2/19.		Armistice still on. No Squadron activity.		
	18/2/19.		Armistice still on. No Squadron activity.		
	19/2/19.		Armistice still on. No Squadron activity.	Squadron inspected and addressed by General Sir EDMUND ALLENBY, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., Commander-in-Chief, Egyptian Expeditionary Force this day.	
	20/2/19.		Armistice still on. No Squadron activity.		
	21/2/19.		Armistice still on. No Squadron activity.		
	22/2/19.		Armistice still on. No Squadron activity.		
	23/2/19.		Armistice still on. No Squadron activity.		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
KANTARA (EGYPT)	24/2/19.		Armistice still on. No Squadron activity.	
	25/2/19.		Armistice still on. No Squadron activity.	
	26/2/19.		Armistice still on. No Squadron activity.	
	27/2/19.		Armistice still on. No Squadron activity.	
	28/2/19.		Armistice still on. No Squadron activity.	

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APPENDIX 2.

ADDRESS BY GENERAL SIR EDMUND ALLENBY, G.C.B., G.C.M.G.,
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, EGYPTIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

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INSPECTION OF 1ST SQUADRON, AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS

by

FEB 1919

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SIR EDMUND ALLENBY G.C.B., G.C.M.G.

at KANTARA on 19th February 1919.

In addressing the Squadron on parade the Commander-in-Chief said :-

"Major Addison, Officers and men. It gives me considerable pleasure to have this opportunity of addressing you prior to your return to AUSTRALIA. We have just reached the end of the greatest war known to history. Today we see our enemies so thoroughly beaten that it will not be possible for them to renew hostilities against us. The operations in this theatre of the war have been an important factor in bringing about this victorious result. The Victory gained in PALESTINE & SYRIA has been one of the greatest in the war and undoubtedly hastened the collapse that followed in other theatres. This Squadron played an important part in making this achievement possible. You gained for us absolute supremacy of the air thereby enabling my cavalry, artillery and infantry to carry out their work on the ground practically unmolested by hostile aircraft. This undoubtedly was a factor of paramount importance in the success of our arms here. I desire therefore to personally congratulate you on your splendid work. I congratulate not only the Flying Officers, but also your mechanics for although the Officers did the work in the air, it was good work on the part of your mechanics that kept a high percentage of your machines serviceable. I wish you all 'bon voyage' and trust that the peace now attained will mean for you all future happiness and prosperity. Thank you and good-bye".

Three cheers were then given for the Commander-in-Chief.

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for

FEBRUARY 1919.

APPENDIX 11.

DAILY SUMMARY OF WORK.

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SUMMARY OF WORK.

1st Squadron, ~~Royal Air Force~~ AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS
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Date 1st February, 1918 19 E33/10

Type	Pilot	Observer	Duty	Hour of—		Remarks
				Departure	Return	
			- - - - - NIL. - - - - -			
			<u>MONTHLY RETURN</u>			
			Number of Pilots available 11			
			Number of Machines: <u>SERVICEABLE UNSERVICEABLES</u>			
			13. 9			

S. Johnson
 Major,
 Commanding 1st Squadron,
 AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS

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1st

AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

1st February, 1918

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----- NIL. -----

MONTHLY RETURN

Number of Pilots available 11

Number of Machines: SERVICEABLE UNSERVICEABLES

13. 9

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Major,
Commanding 1st Squadron,
AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS

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1st

AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

1st February, 1918

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----- NIL. -----

MONTHLY RETURN

Number of Pilots available 11

Number of Machines: SERVICEABLE UNSERVICEABLES

13. 0

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Major,
Commanding 1st Squadron,
AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS

FEB 1918

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1st SQUADRON, AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS

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FEBRUARY 1919.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

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11.	- Daily Summary of Work.

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AUSTRALIAN WAR RECORDS SECTION EGYPT.

AUSTRALIAN HEAD QUARTERS

Cairo, January 22nd 1919.



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Lieut Colonel Williams D.S.O.
Officer Commanding,
40th Wing R.A.F.

The following letter has been received from London.

" In order that this Section may reply to enquiries being received as to the total results achieved by the Australian Troops in this War, I shall be glad if you could have compiled and forward as early as possible the following :-

- (a) Total number of enemy aircraft destroyed or driven down by A.F.C.
- (b) Any other interesting statistical information which the A.F.C. may be able to supply, e.g. number of photographs taken, area of country covered by photographs, total number of flying hours, etc." *(The period covered by returns given in accordance with above should be clearly specified.)*

I should be glad if you would have compiled as quickly as possible as much information as you can under the headings indicated, presumably, this data is required for purposes of quick publicity.

D.H.

Lieut. Col.
COMMANDANT.

AUSTRALIAN HEADQUARTERS EGYPT.

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NO	NAME	NAME	NAME OF SERVICE AND DATE
1110	William	William E. H.	Killed in action 338
1111	"	William E. H.	Died of disease 338
1112	"	William E. H.	" " 338
1113	William	William E. H.	" " 338
1114	William	William E. H.	" " 338
1115	William	William E. H.	Killed in action 338
1116	William	William E. H.	" " 338
1117	William	William E. H.	Died of disease 338

12. Battalion

LIST NO. 1 OF DEATHS (Contd)

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18th Battalion

Regtl. No.	Rank.	Name.	Nature of Casualty and Date.
883	Private.	Hill W.	Died of Disease. 6/7 1915.
364	Sergeant.	Nalder R. A.	» » 16/7 »
1152	—	Crothers J.	Killed in Action. 22/8 »
	Lieutenant.	Donaldson J. K.	» » 22/8 »
1411	Private.	Morton G. A. H.	» » 22/8 »
1218	»	McGrechie J.	» » 22/8 »
1745	»	Pittendrigh E.	Died of Wounds. 29/8 »
1266	Sergeant.	Short E. D.	Killed in Action. 22/8 »



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1st Squadron,
Australian Flying Corps,
February 5th, 1929.

Commandant,
Australian Headquarters, (Egypt)
CAIRO.

Attached hereto is a statement giving statistics relating to the operations of this Squadron, forwarded in accordance with the instructions in your memo No. 514.

You will note that I have been able to furnish more complete detail for the year 1918 than for the preceding period; this is due to the fact that the Squadron Records were not kept in complete form prior to January 1st, 1918.

For last year, however, the figures are complete. It will be seen from these that 414 Strategical and 151 Photographic Reconnaissances were made. It is desired to point out that these reconnaissances on an average involved flights of approximately 150 miles, while in many cases the flights exceeded 200 miles.

With regard to Aerial Combats. The figures relating thereto should be accepted as very conservative in view of the fact that captured German documents have revealed that in numerous instances the machines shown by us as having been "driven down" were destroyed; others were so badly damaged that they were put out of commission for long periods. A good number of the machines rendered unserviceable in this way, were ultimately captured at various enemy aerodromes during our advance.

Stewart
Major,
Commanding 1st Squadron,
Australian Flying Corps.



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COMMANDANT.
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STATISTICS
of
1ST. SQUADRON, AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS, A.I.F.

Total number of hours flown since Squadron's inception to 28th. January 1919. - - 14,377 hrs. 58 mins.

Total number of photographic Plates exposed - - 7,294

Total Area covered by photography - - 6,630 Sq. miles.

Total Number of Casualties:-

		Officers	Men
Killed	-	19	2
Wounded	-	23	8
Prisoners of War		12	-
Died	-	2	3
Invalided	-	24	60

FOR YEAR 1918.

Number of Hours Flown - - 6,559 hours.

" Reconnaissances:-

Strategical - - 414

Photographic - - 151

" Plates exposed - - 5,395

" Prints produced - - 51,356

Weight of Bombs dropped - - 68,282 lbs.

Number of Aerial Combats - - 70

" E.A. destroyed - - 29

" E.A. driven down - - 53

HONOURS & AWARDS.

(Since Squadron's inception).

V.C. - - 1

D.S.O. - - 1

O.B.E. - - 1

M.C. - - 18

D.F.C. - - 20

Order of the Nile 4th. Class - 1 M.M. - - 2

M.S.M. - - 9 Croix de Guerre - 1

Air Force M.S.M. - - 3 Mentioned in Despatches 39.