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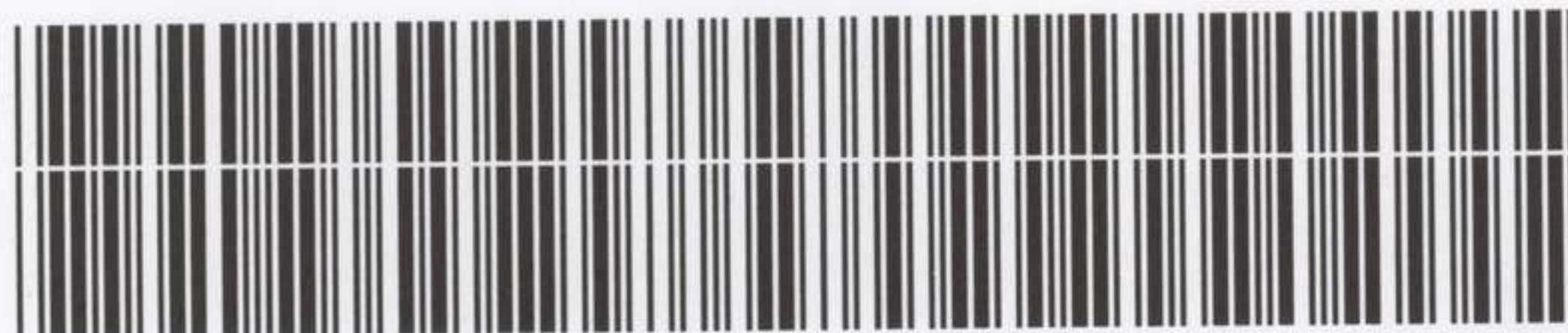
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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*4<sup>th</sup> Squadron, Australian Flying Corps*

FOR

*August* 1918.

Signature of Officer compiling

*L. R. Bennett*

Signature of Officer Commanding

*W. C. Clangh* Major.  
Commanding 4<sup>th</sup> Squadron A.F.C.



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In the Field. Hazebrouck 5A. C.5. Hill 179	1918 Aug.	1	<u>STRENGTH</u> Officers 34. O/R 207. <u>HOURS FLOWN</u> 38hrs 10mins. <u>BOMBS DROPPED</u> 10 <u>ROUNDS FIRED</u> 950. <u>COMBATS</u> 1. See report No.1 (Appendix "A") by Capt. E.J.McClaughry DFC. <u>PILOTS AVAILABLE</u> 27. <u>MACHINES SERVICEABLE</u> 24	Capt. E.J.McClaughry D.F.C. attacked 3 enemy machines and received G.S.W. in right leg during the combat necessitating his admission to No.2 ACCS. <i>Same</i>
		2.	<u>STRENGTH</u> Officers 34. O/R 209. <u>HOURS FLOWN</u> 22hrs 20mins. <u>BOMBS DROPPED</u> 14. <u>ROUNDS FIRED</u> 2,800. <u>PILOTS AVAILABLE</u> 25. <u>MACHINES SERVICEABLE</u> 24	<i>Same</i>
		3.	<u>STRENGTH</u> Officers 34. O/R 210. <u>CASUALTIES</u> . Capt. G.F.Malley M.C. To H.E. Flight Commander Lieut. J.K.Lancaster From H.E. Flying Officer Aus/2053 2/AM Whadcoat H.C. from No.1 A.D. Fitter <u>HOURS FLOWN</u> 10hrs 20mins. <u>BOMBS DROPPED</u> 6. <u>COMBATS</u> 2. See report No.2 (Appendix "A") by Lieut. L.E.Taplin DFC 3 (Appendix "A") by Lieut. R.King. <u>PILOTS AVAILABLE</u> 25. <u>MACHINES SERVICEABLE</u> 24.	<i>Same</i>
		4.	<u>STRENGTH</u> Officers 35. O/R 210. <u>CASUALTIES</u> Lieut. J.W.Baxter from H.E. Flying Officer <u>HOURS FLOWN</u> 13hrs 05mins. <u>BOMBS DROPPED</u> 12. <u>ROUNDS FIRED</u> 800. <u>PILOTS AVAILABLE</u> 25. <u>MACHINES SERVICEABLE</u> 24	Lieut. O.B.Ramsay fired 100 rounds into enemy balloon which was observed to smoke but did not burst into flames. <i>Same</i>
		5.	<u>STRENGTH</u> Officers 35. O/R 210 <u>HOURS FLOWN</u> 41hrs 45mins. <u>BOMBS DROPPED</u> 44 <u>ROUNDS FIRED</u> 2,800. <u>COMBATS</u> 1. See report No.4 (Appendix "A") by Lieut. H.G.Watson DFC & Lieut. R.King <u>PILOTS AVAILABLE</u> 25. <u>MACHINES SERVICEABLE</u> 24.	<i>Same</i>
		6.	<u>STRENGTH</u> Officers 35. O/R 210. <u>HOURS FLOWN</u> 5 minutes. <u>PILOTS AVAILABLE</u> 25. <u>MACHINES SERVICEABLE</u> 25.	<i>Same</i>



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In the Field Hazebrouck 5A. C.5. Hill 179	1918 Aug. 7.		<p>STRENGTH Officers 35. O/R 210. HOURS FLOWN 61hrs 00mins BOMBS DROPPED. 73. ROUNDS FIRED 5,680 COMBATS (Appendix "A") 9. See reports 5, 6, &amp; 7 by Capt. Cobby. 8 &amp; 9 by Lieut. Trescowthick 10 by Lieut. Wilkinson 11 by Lieut. Heller 12 by Lieut. Taplin 13 by Lieut. Baker</p> <p>MACHINES SERVICEABLE 25. PILOTS AVAILABLE 25.</p>	<p>Capt. A.H.Cobby DFC dropped a bomb on <del>engine</del> centre of a train and portion of train broke into flames. Lieut. N.C.Trescowthick dropped a bomb on ammunition dump at Vielle Chapelle. Dump blew up. Patrol led by Lieut. R.King obtained four direct hits on Sainghin railway station and track.</p>
	8.		<p>STRENGTH Officers 35. O/R 210. HOURS FLOWN 32hrs 15mins. BOMBS DROPPED 37. ROUNDS FIRED 2,600. MACHINES SERVICEABLE 23. PILOTS AVAILABLE 25.</p>	<p>Major W.A.McClaughry MC dropped 2 bombs on train between Armentieres and Perenchies. Both bombs fell just alongside train which stopped. This Pilot then fired 100 rounds into engine &amp; carriages and 400 rounds into a party of 100 men who <del>scattered</del> scattered and several fell as though hit. Lieuts. Edols &amp; Eddie dropped 4 bombs on billets in Lestrem and observed 1 direct hit.</p>
	9.		<p>STRENGTH Officers 35. O/R 211. CASUALTIES Aus/2259 2/AM Mee A.B. from H.E. Inst. Repairer HOURS FLOWN 54hrs 10mins. BOMBS DROPPED 36. ROUNDS FIRED. 1,650. COMBATS (Appendix "A") 2. See report No.14 by Lieut. H.G.Watson DFC 15 by Lieut. L.E.Taplin DFC</p> <p>MACHINES SERVICEABLE 24. PILOTS AVAILABLE 24.</p>	<p>Capt. E.J.McClaughry DFC rejoined this unit from No.1 A.C.C.S.</p>



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In the Field. Hazebrouck 5A. C.5. Hill 179	1918			
	Aug.			
	10		<p>STRENGTH Officers 33. O/R 211. CASUALTIES Lieut. R.F.McRae To 46 Sqdn. R.A.F. Flying Officer Lieut. J.C.F.Wilkinson MC do Flying Officer. HOURS FLOWN 16hrs 50mins. BOMBS DROPPED 20. ROUNDS FIRED 1,450. COMBATS (Appendix "A") 3. See reports 16 &amp; 17 by Lieut. R.King 18 by Lieut. R.G.Smallwood. PILOTS AVAILABLE 24. MACHINES SERVICEABLE 25</p>	Major W.A.McClaghry MC dropped 2 bombs on trucks in siding North of Laventie obtaining 1 direct hit.
	11		<p>STRENGTH Officers 32. O/R 211. CASUALTIES Lieut. L.Wharton to 2 A.C.C.S. (wounded) Flying Officer HOURS FLOWN 87hrs 15mins. BOMBS DROPPED 28. ROUNDS FIRED 400. Combats (Appendix "A") 1. See report No. 19 by Lieut. L.Wharton MC PILOTS AVAILABLE 23. MACHINES SERVICEABLE 22.</p>	same
	12		<p>STRENGTH Officers 31. O/R 208. CASUALTIES Capt. E.G.Caulfield to 29th A.D.U. Aus/7384 S/Sgt. Pike J.D. do Aus/7367 Pte. Walton H. do 281563 Pte. Northart N.H. do Aus/2053 2/AM Whadcoat H.C. to 51 C.C.S. Fitter HOURS FLOWN 61hrs 45mins. BOMBS DROPPED 14. ROUNDS FIRED 500. PILOTS AVAILABLE 23 MACHINES SERVICEABLE 25.</p>	same
	13		<p>STRENGTH Officers 32. O/R 208. CASUALTIES 2/Lt. S.P.Keay from H.E. Flying Officer. HOURS FLOWN 38hrs 55mins. BOMBS DROPPED 14. ROUNDS FIRED 500. PILOTS AVAILABLE 23. MACHINES SERVICEABLE 25.</p>	same



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In the Field Hazebrouck 5A. C.5. Hill 179	1918 Aug. 14		<p><u>STRENGTH</u> Officers 32. O/R 205.  <u>CASUALTIES</u> Aus/3524 Cpl. James A.K. To H.E. Fitter  111995 2/AM Wiles A. To 46 Sqdn RAF  101555 2/AM Downing H. do.  <u>HOURS FLOWN</u> 86hrs 15mins. <u>BOMBS DROPPED</u> 23.  <u>ROUNDS FIRED</u> 500.  <u>COMBATS</u> (Appendix "A") 1. See report No.20 by Lieuts. King, Carter,  Trescowthick &amp; Smallwood.  <u>PILOTS AVAILABLE</u> 23. <u>MACHINES SERVICEABLE</u> 25.</p>	Accum
	15.		<p><u>STRENGTH</u> Officers 32. O/R 205.  <u>HOURS FLOWN</u> 36hrs 25mins. <u>BOMBS DROPPED</u> 41.  <u>ROUNDS FIRED</u> 1,200  <u>PILOTS AVAILABLE</u> 21. <u>MACHINES SERVICEABLE</u> 2.</p>	Capt. A.H.Cobby DFC & Capt. H.G. Watson DFC bombed enemy aerodrome at Wavrin obtaining 1 direct hit on corner of hangar.
	16.		<p><u>STRENGTH</u> Officers 30. O/R 203.  <u>CASUALTIES</u> Lieut. R.G.Smallwood To hospital (wounded) Flying Officer  2/Lt. S.Howard do do do Flying Officer  Aus/1050 Cpl. Fitchett B.T. To H.E. Rigger  Aus/1020 1/AM Cabena H. do Fitter  <u>HOURS FLOWN</u> 60hrs 35mins. <u>BOMBS DROPPED</u> 100/25Lb. 6/40Lb.  <u>ROUNDS FIRED</u> 10,300  <u>COMBATS</u> (Appendix "A") 1. See report No. 21.  <u>PILOTS AVAILABLE</u> 21. <u>MACHINES SERVICEABLE</u> 23.</p>	This Squadron took part in bombing raid on Haubourdin aerodrome. (See Appendix "B")
	17.		<p><u>STRENGTH</u> Officers 29. O/R 204.  <u>CASUALTIES</u> Lieut. E.P.E.McCleery Missing Flying Officer  Aus/396 1/AM Cleaves A. From H.E. Fitter  <u>HOURS FLOWN</u> 44hrs 35mins. <u>BOMBS DROPPED</u> 74/25Lb 2/40Lb.  <u>ROUNDS FIRED</u> 6,950.  <u>PILOTS AVAILABLE</u> 21. <u>MACHINES SERVICEABLE</u> 23.</p>	This Squadron took part in bombing raid on Lomme aerodrome. (See Appendix "C").



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In the Field. Hazebrouck 5A. C.5. Hill 179	1918 Aug. 18		<p><u>STRENGTH</u> Officers 30. O/R 202.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES</u> 2/Lt. T.R.Truby To H.E. Flying Officer.</p> <p>Aus/2556 2/AM Stone H.C. to 2nd Sqdn. A.F.C. Fitter.</p> <p>Aus/2545 2/AM Richardson R. do Fitter.</p> <p><u>HOURS FLOWN</u> 9hrs 55mins. <u>BOMBS DROPPED</u> Nil.</p> <p><u>PILOTS AVAILABLE</u> 22. <u>MACHINES SERVICEABLE</u> 25.</p>	came
	19		<p><u>STRENGTH</u> Officers 30. O/R 202.</p> <p><u>HOURS FLOWN</u> 49hrs 00mins. <u>BOMBS DROPPED</u> 10</p> <p><u>ROUNDS FIRED</u> 200.</p> <p><u>PILOTS AVAILABLE</u> 22. <u>MACHINES SERVICEABLE</u> 25.</p>	came
	20		<p><u>STRENGTH</u> Officers 30. O/R 201.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES</u> Aus/2053 2/AM Whadcoat H.C. To 51 C.C.S. Fitter</p> <p><u>HOURS FLOWN</u> 14hrs 35mins. <u>BOMBS DROPPED</u> 6.</p> <p><u>PILOTS AVAILABLE</u> 22. <u>MACHINES SERVICEABLE</u> 25.</p>	came
	21		<p><u>STRENGTH</u> Officers 29. O/R 201.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES</u> Lieut. J.K.Lancaster to H.E. Flying Officer.</p> <p><u>HOURS FLOWN</u> 13hrs 30mins.</p> <p><u>PILOTS AVAILABLE</u> 2. <u>MACHINES SERVICEABLE</u>. 23.</p>	came
	22		<p><u>STRENGTH</u> Officers 32. O/R 201.</p> <p><u>CASUALTIES</u> Lieut. J.H.Weingarth to H.E. Flying Officer.</p> <p>2/Lt. S.P.Keay Killed (aero accdt) do do</p> <p>2/Lt. C.V.Ryrie From H.E. do do</p> <p>2/Lt. T.H.Barkell do do do</p> <p>2/Lt. P.W.Symons do do do</p> <p>2/Lt. A.J.Palliser do do do</p> <p>2/Lt. A.G.Cameron do do do</p> <p><u>HOURS FLOWN</u> 50hrs 50mins. <u>BOMBS DROPPED</u> 31.</p> <p><u>PILOTS AVAILABLE</u> 18. <u>MACHINES SERVICEABLE</u> 22.</p>	came



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	Aug. 23.		STRENGTH Officers 32. O/R 201. HOURS FLOWN 50hrs 55mins. <u>BOMBS DROPPED</u> 19. ROUNDS FIRED 1,100 PILOTS AVAILABLE 19. <u>MACHINES SERVICEABLE</u> 22.	<i>same</i>
	24.		STRENGTH Officers 32. O/R 201. HOURS FLOWN 34hrs 00mins. <u>BOMBS DROPPED</u> 20. ROUNDS FIRED 1,700 PILOTS AVAILABLE 22. <u>MACHINES SERVICEABLE</u> 25.	Lieut. L.E.Taplin DFC & R.T.C.Baker MM dropped bombs on a factory at Saily obtaining one direct hit. <i>same</i>
	25.		STRENGTH Officers 34. O/R 316. CASUALTIES 2 Officers & 114 O/R Portugese Expeditionary Force & 1 O/R British Mission attached. HOURS FLOWN 44hrs 25mins. <u>BOMBS DROPPED</u> 23. ROUNDS FIRED 1,500. COMBATS (Appendix "A") 1. See report No. 22 by Lieut. R.T.C.Baker MM. PILOTS AVAILABLE 21. <u>MACHINES SERVICEABLE</u> 25.	<i>same</i>
	26.		STRENGTH Officers 33. O/R 317. CASUALTIES Lieut. T.R.Edols to Hospital (wounded) Flying Officer. HOURS FLOWN 23hrs 25mins. <u>BOMBS DROPPED</u> 12. ROUNDS FIRED 100 PILOTS AVAILABLE 23. <u>MACHINES SERVICEABLE</u> 24.	Lieut. R.H.Youdale fired 100 rounds into cart and horse near Steenwerck from 300 feet. Killed the horse and cart rolled into a ditch. <i>same</i>
	27.		STRENGTH Officers 33. O/R 317. HOURS FLOWN 36hrs 40mins. <u>ROUNDS FIRED</u> 100 PILOTS AVAILABLE 23. <u>MACHINES SERVICEABLE</u> 25.	<i>same</i>
	28.		STRENGTH Officers 33. O/R 317. HOURS FLOWN 7hrs 30mins PILOTS AVAILABLE 23. <u>MACHINES SERVICEABLE</u> 27.	<i>same</i>
29.			STRENGTH Officers 32. O/R 317. CASUALTIES 2/Lt. T.R.Truby to H.E. Flying Officer. 1 HOURS FLOWN 26hrs 00mins PILOTS AVAILABLE 23. <u>MACHINES SERVICEABLE</u> 26.	<i>same</i>



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In the Field Hazebrouck 5A. C.5. Hill 179	1918 Aug. 30		<p>STRENGTH Officers 32. O/R 317.  HOURS FLOWN 51hrs 05mins. BOMBS DROPPED 8/25Lb 2/40Lb.  ROUNDS FIRED 800.  COMBATS (Appendix "A") 2. See report No. 23 by Lieut. R.King  24 by Lieut. R.T.C.Baker MM.  PILOTS AVAILABLE 23. MACHINES SERVICEABLE 26.</p>	<p>same</p>
	31		<p>STRENGTH Officers 32. O/R 317.  HOURS FLOWN 33hrs 15mins  PILOTS AVAILABLE 22. MACHINES SERVICEABLE 26.</p>	<p>same</p>
LIST OF APPENDICES.				
<p>"A" Combat Reports.  "B" Report on bomb raid on Haubourdin aerodrome.  "C" Report on bomb raid on Lomme aerodrome.  "D" Squadron Record Book for Month of August 1918.  "E" Summary of Work for month of August 1918 (including report by C.O., Equipment Officer and Armament Officer).</p>				
In the Field 4-9-1918	(R)			<p>Major,  Commanding 4th Squadron, A. F. C.</p>



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Extract from letter from the 4th Squadron, A.F.C.  
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France for attachment to War Diary of August, 1918.  
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1. During the month of August this Squadron was working on 5th Army Front, e.e. ARMENTIERES to LENS, except for the few days (14th, 15th, 16th) when we were operating on AMIENS Front.
  2. Photographs of results of bombing attacks by this Squadron on LOMME and HAUBOURDIN aerodromes enclosed.
  3. H.M. King George V visited the Squadron on 10-8-1918 and conversed with Officers.
  4. Col. W. O. Watt visited the Squadron during the month and stayed a few days.
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4th. Squadron, Australian Flying Corps.

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"E"	Summary of Work for month of August (including report by C.O., Equipment Officer and Armament Officer)
"F"	Squadron Routine Orders.

*Clair Clough* Major.  
Commanding 4th. Squadron, A. F. C.



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## Combats in the Air.

Squadron : 4th. A.F.C.

Date : 3rd. August 1918

Type and No. of Aeroplane :  
Sopwith Camel E.1407.

Time : 5-20 a.m.

Armament : 2 Vickers.

Locality : N.E. of Merville.

Pilot : Lieut. L.E.Taplin D.F.C.

Duty : Special Mission.

Height : 5,000 Ft.

Observer :

Result

{ Destroyed.....  
 { Driven down out of control.....  
 { Driven down.....**Yes**.....

## Remarks on Hostile Aircraft :—Type, armament, speed, etc.

L. V. G. Coloured light brown with dark brown and black  
 camouflage. National markings.

## Narrative.

Whilst flying towards Estaires I saw an L.V.G. flying West from North of Estaires. I kept in his blind spot above his top plane until he was warned by A.A. I then dived on E.A. from front; his observer opened fire from range of about 600 Yards but I reserved my fire until I got underneath his tail. I closed in to a very short range and fired about 200 rounds from both guns. I then noticed that tracer bullets were ricocheting off bottom of fuselage of E.A. which was armoured. While I was firing the pilot was endeavouring to get me out of his blind spot and I overshot him, getting on the left of his observer. I then fired a burst of 150 rounds from point blank range into the side of the E.A. which silenced the observer; but, not before he had fired a burst into my machine one of which was an explosive bullet which hit a longeron in front of the dash board and temporarily blinded me.

I immediately half rolled to get away and on looking back saw E.A. diving steeply with smoke pouring out behind.

I did not again engage E.A. as my machine was badly shot about

I saw E.A. go down steeply with a partial side slip to the left for about 3,000 Ft. before I eventually lost sight of him; on account of having to keep turning to avoid A.A. fire.

"D" Battery saw this combat and confirms that E.A. went down but were unable to observe ultimate result on account of distance.

*L. E. Taplin* Lieut.

*W. H. Clough* Major.  
 Commanding....4th Squadron. A.F.C.







## Combats in the Air.

Squadron : 4th Squadron, A.F.C.

Date : 4th August 1918.

Type and No. of Aeroplane : Sopwith Camels  
D8159 & E1416

Time : 20-15

Locality : South of Laventie

Armament : 2 Vickers Guns

Duty : Special Mission

Pilot : Lieut. H.G. Watson D.F.C.  
Lieut. R. King

Height : 4,000 feet

Observer : Nil

Result

{ Destroyed....YES.....  
{ Driven down out of control.....  
{ Driven down.....

### Remarks on Hostile Aircraft :—Type, armament, speed, etc.

A.G.O., dark camouflaged, small national markings. Speed and armament unknown.

### Narrative.

While flying N.E. of LaBasse we observed an A.G.O. flying towards Festubert. We immediately turned and climbed between this machine and enemy territory.

The E.A. apparently did not observe us. Lieut. Watson first dived on E.A. and fired about 30 rounds from very close range. Observer was apparently hit as he ceased firing. This E.A. immediately dived and turned East underneath him.

Lieut. King then attacked E.A. from ahead firing a short burst from close range. The E.A. continued to dive and Lieut. King did a climbing turn gaining height.

Lieuts. Watson and King then both attacked E.A. from above and behind - Lieut. Watson on right and Lieut. King on left.

Lieut. Watson fired about 100 rounds and Lieut. King 150 rounds from close range and machine half stalled and went down in a slow spin side-slipping completely out of control.

This E.A. crashed just South of Laventie.

*H.G. Watson* Lieut.

*R. King* Lieut.

In the Field (R)  
4-8-1918

*Wally Claughey* Major,  
Commanding 4th Squadron, A. F. C.

Commanding.....Squadron.



Combats in the Air. **APPENDIX**

Squadron: 4th Squadron, A.F.C. Date: 6th August 1918

Type and No. of Aeroplane Sopwith Camel Time: 20-50  
E1416

Armament: 2 Vickers Guns

Locality: Bac St Maur

Pilot: Capt. A.H.Cobby D.F.C.

Duty: Special Mission

Height: 1,000 feet

Observer: Nil

Result

Destroyed YES

Driven down out of control

Driven down

Remarks on Hostile Aircraft:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

L.V.G. dark camouflaged, national markings. Speed and armament unknown.

[P.T.O.]



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I dived on E.A. from above and behind. I flattened out just below his tail and fired a burst of about 150 rounds from 50 feet. This machine began to side-slip and then did two turns of a spin. I followed it down firing another 100 rounds from close range. E.A. continued to spin and crashed just S.E. of Bac St Maur. Lieut. R.King observed this combat but was too far off to observe ultimate result.

In the Field (R)  
6-8-1918

*Atkinson* Capt.  
  
*Wainwright* Major,  
Commanding 4th Squadron, A. F. C.



## Combats in the Air.

Squadron: 4th Squadron, A.F.C. Date: 7th August 1918.  
Type and No. of Aeroplane: Sopwith Camel Time: 12-45  
E1416  
Locality: S.E. of Armentieres  
Armament: 2 Vickers Guns  
Duty: Special Mission  
Pilot: Capt. A.H. Cobby D.F.C.  
Height: 2,500 feet  
Observer: Nil  
Result: { Destroyed yes  
Driven down out of control  
Driven down

Remarks on Hostile Aircraft:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

Pfalz Scout, coloured black with white empenage. National markings.  
Speed and armament unknown.

[P.T.O.]

APPENDIX

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Whilst out with Lieut. Trescowthick I flew towards Armentieres intending to select targets for bombs. On coming through clouds at 3,000 feet I observed 5 Pfalz Scouts in layer formation flying North. We dived on two rear machines firing from close range. I fired 150 rounds when machine burst into flames. Lieut. Trescowthick confirms this.

Capt.

A. H. Cobley

In the Field (R)  
7-8-1918

Major,  
Commanding 4th Squadron, A. F. C.



## Combats in the Air.

Squadron ~~4th~~ Squadron, A.F.C.

Date: 7th August 1918

Type and No. of Aeroplane Sopwith Camel  
E1416

Time: 17-35

Locality: Lestrem

Armament: Vickers Guns

Duty: Special Mission

Pilot Capt. A.H.Cobby D.F.C.

Height: 4,500 feet

Observer: Nil

Result

Destroyed YES

Driven down out of control

Driven down

Remarks on Hostile Aircraft:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

A.G.O., coloured green, salmon pink omponage and tail. National markings.  
Speed and armament unknown.

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While flying at 5,500 feet over Lestrem with Lieut. Trescowthick I observed enemy machine about 1,000 feet in mist below me. I got East of this E.A. and dived at it from the front firing about 200 rounds from 300 to 20 feet. This machine commenced to smoke as it was going down out of control and ultimately burst into flames about 1,500 feet from the ground.

~~XXXX~~

*A. Hobley*  
Capt.

In the Field (R)  
7-8-1918

*W. McCaughey*  
Major,  
Commanding 4th Squadron, A. F. C.

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## Combats in the Air.

Squadron: 4th Squadron, A.F.C. Date: 7th August 1918. No. 8  
Type and No. of Aeroplane: Sopwith Camel D1927 Time: 12-45  
Armament: 2 Vickers Guns Locality: South of Armentieres  
Pilot: Lieut. H.C. Trescowthick Duty: Special Mission  
Height: 1,000 feet  
Observer: M11 Result { Destroyed YES  
Driven down out of control  
Driven down

Remarks on Hostile Aircraft:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

Pfalz Scout, black wings and fuselage, white tail and white zig zag on fuselage. National markings. Speed and armament unknown.



While on Special Mission with Capt. A.H. Gobby D.F.C. and flying at about 5,000 feet we observed 5 Pfalz Scouts about 2,000 feet below. I dived on the rear one of this E.A. formation which dived away. I followed firing about 50 rounds from about 100 feet. This machine burst into flames. Capt. Gobby observed this E.A. burning.

*W.C. Prescott*

Lieut.

In the Field (R)  
7-8-1918

*Wm. McLaughlin* Major,  
Commanding 4th Squadron, A. F. C.



## Combats in the Air.

Squadron : 4th Squadron, A.F.C.      Date : 7th August 1918.  
Type and No. of Aeroplane Sopwith Camel      Time : 12-45  
D1927  
Armament : 2 Vickers Guns      Locality : South of Armentieres  
Pilot : Lieut. N.C. Trescowthick      Duty : Special Mission  
Height : 2,500 feet  
Observer : Nil      Result { Destroyed YES  
Driven down out of control  
Driven down

Remarks on Hostile Aircraft:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

Pfalz Scout, black planes and fuselage with white streaks, white  
empenage, national markings. Speed and armament  
unknown.

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Having shot down first machine in flames I dived with Capt. Cobby on another E.A. We both fired at it. I fired 100 rounds from a range of 100 feet. The right wing of this E.A. folded back and machine broke up. This is confirmed by Capt. Cobby.

*W. C. Prescott*

Lieut.

In the Field (R)  
7-8-1918

*W. C. Clough*

Major,  
Commanding 4th Squadron, A. F. C.



## Combats in the Air.

Squadron : 4th Squadron, A.F.C.      Date : 7th August 1918  
Type and No. of Aeroplane Sopwith Camel      Time : 11-50  
D6690      Locality : Don  
Armament : 2 Vickers Guns      Duty : Offensive Patrol  
Pilot : Lieut. J.C.F. Wilkinson M.C.      Height : 8,000 feet

Observer : Nil.

Result { Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_  
Driven down out of control YES  
Driven down \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks on Hostile Aircraft:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

Fokker Triplane, camouflaged grey and green. National markings. Speed and armament unknown.

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Our formation was dived on by several Fokker Biplanes and Triplanes and in the dog-fight which ensued a Triplane came down towards my left wing tip. I turned and faced him and he swung across my front giving me a dead-on shot.

I fired 70 rounds from a range of about 70 yards and E.A. immediately dived for a certain distance and then went down vertically apparently completely out of control.

I am certain this E.A. was hit and do not consider it likely that Pilot would dive a Triplane so steeply if it were under control.

I saw E.A. going down out of control for several thousand feet but was unable to watch it right down on account of being engaged by another E.A.

*J. H. Hinson*

Lieut.

In the Field (R)  
7-8-1918

*W. H. C. Langley*

Major,  
Commanding 4th Squadron, A. F. C.

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## Combats in the Air.

Squadron: 4th Squadron, A.F.C. Date: 7th August 1918

Type and No. of Aeroplane: Sopwith Camel Time: 11-50  
D8194

Armament: 2 Vickers Guns

Pilot: Lieut. A.T. Heller

Locality: Don

Duty: Offensive Patrol

Height: 8,000 feet

Observer: Nil

Result { Destroyed \_\_\_\_\_  
Driven down out of control YES  
Driven down \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks on Hostile Aircraft:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

Fokker Triplane, camouflaged grey and green. National markings. Speed and armament unknown.



While leading a patrol we were ~~attacked~~ dived on by 5 Triplanes and 3  
Fokker Biplanes over Don. A general dog-fight ensued. I fired 100 rounds  
at one Triplane from close range without effect.  
I then observed another Triplane on the tail of one of my formation. I  
fired about 20 rounds at this machine side-on and then turned on his tail  
firing another 30 rounds from point blank range practically touching him  
before I pulled out.  
This E.A. appeared to lose flying speed and then went down very steeply  
for a short distance and then went over the vertical.  
This was observed by Lieuts. Wilkinson and McCleery who saw it go down  
for several thousand feet but could not watch it right down on account of  
engaging other E.A.

*Alex. T. Heller*

Lieut.

In the Field (R)  
7-8-1918

*Wm. McCleery*

Major,  
Commanding 4th Squadron, A. F. C.



## Combats in the Air.

Squadron: 4th Squadron, A.F.C. Date: 7th August 1918.

Type and No. of Aeroplane: Sopwith Camel Time: 14-05

E1407

Armament: 2 Vickers Guns

Locality: South of Laventie

Pilot: Capt. L.B. Taplin D.F.C.

Duty: Special Mission

Height: 3,000 feet

Observer: 311

Result

Destroyed Yes  
Driven down out of control  
Driven down

Remarks on Hostile Aircraft:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

Albatross Scout, slate grey wings, red fuselage, black tail.  
National markings. Speed and armament unknown.

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While flying South of Laventie in company with Lieuts. R.T.C. Baker M.M. and O.S. Ramsay I observed 2 Albatross Scouts flying East. I dived on one of these E.A. firing a burst of 30 rounds from 30 foot range. This machine immediately burst into flames. This E.A. was observed in flames by Lieuts. Baker and Ramsay. I observed Albatross Scout attacked by Lieut. Baker fall to pieces in the air.

*H. Baton Laplin* Lieut.

In the Field (R)  
7-8-1918

*W. C. Claug* Major,  
Commanding 4th Squadron, A. F. C.



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## Combats in the Air.

Squadron: 4th Squadron, A.F.C. Date: 7th August 1918.

Type and No. of Aeroplane: Sopwith Camel Time: 14-05  
E1482

Armament: 2 Vickers Guns

Locality: South of Laventie

Pilot: 2/Lt. R.T.C. Baker M.M.

Duty: Special Mission

Height: 3,000 feet

Observer: N11

Result

Destroyed YES

Driven down out of control

Driven down

No 13

Remarks on Hostile Aircraft:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

Albatross Scout, slate grey wings, red fuselage, black tail. National markings. Speed and armament unknown.





# APPENDIX ~~7~~

Narrative

While flying in formation led by Lieut. Taplin D.F.C. I observed 2 Albatross Scouts South of Laventie and flying East. My Patrol Leader dived on one and I on the other. When about 40 yards range I fired about 50 rounds into this E.A. which shot the bottom left wing away and this machine then folded up.

Lieuts. Taplin D.F.C. and Ramsay observed this machine fall to pieces in the air.

I observed E.A. attacked by Lieut. Taplin D.F.C. go down in flames.

*Richard B. B. B.*

2/Lieut.

In the Field (R)  
7-8-1918

*W. M. Clough*

Major,  
Commanding 4th Squadron, A. F. C.

Commanding Squadron.





## Combats in the Air.

Squadron : 4th Squadron, A.F.S.

Date :

8th August 1918

Type and No. of Aeroplane : Sopwith Camel  
D0150

Time :

8-15 p.m.

Armament : 2 Vickers Guns

Locality :

Cominos

Pilot : Lieut. H.G. Watson D.F.C.

Duty :

Escort

Height :

6,000 feet

Observer : 111

Result

Destroyed

Driven down out of control

Driven down

Remarks on Hostile Aircraft:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

D.F.W., camouflaged, yellow and light green. National markings.  
Speed and armament unknown.



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While escorting 2 D.H.9s on reconnaissance I was separated from formation by A.A. fire. I then saw a D.P.W. flying from South to North about 6,000 feet.

I dived on this machine attacking it from ahead and fired about 150 rounds from range of about 100 feet.

This E.A. dived very steeply emitting black smoke and then went down steeper and steeper until it was diving vertically.

When I last saw this machine it was under 1,000 feet from the ground still going down vertically and must certainly have crashed.

It is not considered likely that a machine under control would dive so steeply.

I was prevented from seeing ultimate result by heavy A.A. fire.

*A. G. Gibson*

1st Lt.

In the Field (R)  
8-8-1918

*Walter C. Clough* Major,  
Commanding 4th Squadron, A. F. C.

Commanding Squadron.



## Combats in the Air.

Squadron : 4th Squadron, A.F.C.

Date :

9th August 1918.

Type and No. of Aeroplane : Sopwith Camel  
D9432

Time :

10-50

Armament : 2 Vickers Guns

Locality :

North of Marquillies

Pilot : Lieut. L.E.Taplin D.F.C.

Duty :

Offensive Patrol

Height :

2,500 feet

Observer : W11

Result

Destroyed YES

Driven down out of control

Driven down

Remarks on Hostile Aircraft :—Type, armament, speed, etc.

Hannoveraner, grey wings, red on top of fuselage, blue grey underneath fuselage, grey tail planes, black rudder, with national markings outlined in white. Speed and armament unknown.



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While on Offensive Patrol with Lieuts. R.G. Smallwood and R.F. McRae I dived on a D.F.W. over Estaires firing about 150 rounds without visible effect. This E.A. escaped in the clouds.

I then climbed and got above the clouds and lost the other two machines accompanying me. When over LaBassee I observed a Hannoveraner about 3 miles N.E. of LaBassee and 1,500 feet below me. I dived on this machine firing about 50 rounds into the Observer's cockpit who was apparently hit as he ceased firing though he hit my machine first. Pilot then dived steeply and I followed firing about 200 rounds at intervals from a range of 150 yards.

I could not catch this E.A. in the dive but followed him right down to the ground. The Pilot flattened out and endeavoured to land but crashed ~~turning~~ turning over on to his nose and breaking all the right side of the machine.

I was then attacked by 4 Fokker Triplanes but escaped by getting into the clouds.

I then attacked a second Hannoveraner from ahead between LaBassee and Laventie firing a burst of about 150 rounds into this E.A. from a range of 50 feet. This E.A. flew East losing height rapidly.

I ran out of ammunition and had to break off combat.

In the Field (R)  
9-8-1918

*Robert Lupton* Lieut.

*W. H. C. Coughlin* Major,  
Commanding 4th Squadron, A. F. C.

Commanding Squadron



## Combats in the Air.

Squadron: 4th Squadron, A.F.C.

Date:

10th August 1918

Type and No. of Aeroplane: Sopwith Camel  
D1895

Time:

8-15

Armament: 2 Vickers Guns

Locality:

Between Estaires &amp; Laventie

Pilot: Lieut. R. King

Duty:

Special Mission

Height:

3,000 feet

Observer: Nil

Result

{	Destroyed	YES
	Driven down out of control	
	Driven down	

Remarks on Hostile Aircraft:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

L.V.G., camouflaged green and pink. National markings (small black crosses in green). Speed and armament unknown.



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I first saw E.A. coming from Merville to Estaires being attacked by an S.E.5. I got South East of this machine and dived and fired a burst head on from close range. E.A. turned and dived. The E.A. then went round in a circle. The S.E.5 dived at it again then zoomed and went away. I then again manoeuvred into position and dived head on firing about 50 rounds from a range of 200 feet without visible effect. E.A. then turned underneath me. I got into position again and fired about 100 rounds from a range of 50 feet. The E.A. went down steeply and apparently tried to land but overturned and crashed. This is confirmed by Capt. A.H.Cobby D.F.C.

*R. King* Lieut.

In the Field (R)  
10-8-1918

*W. Maullclough* Major,  
Commanding 4th Squadron, A. F. C.

Commanding Squadron.



## Combats in the Air.

Squadron: 4th Squadron, A.F.C.

Date: 10th August 1918

Type and No. of Aeroplane Sopwith Camel Time: 7-45  
D1895

Locality: Just East of Estaires

Armament: 2 Vickers Guns

Duty: Special Mission

Pilot: Lieut. R. King

Height: On ground

Observer: Nil.

Result { Destroyed YES  
Driven down out of control  
Driven down

Remarks on Hostile Aircraft:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

Balloon.



# APPENDIX

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#

I saw balloon on ground just East of Estaires. I dived on this balloon from 2,000 feet firing a burst of about 150 rounds until within about 500 feet of balloon.

This balloon began to smoke and then burst into flames.

This is confirmed by Capt. A.H.Cobby D.F.C.

*R. King* Lieut.

In the Field (R)  
10-8-1918

*W. McClaughlin* Major,  
Commanding 4th Squadron, A. F. C.

Commanding Squadron



## Combats in the Air.

Squadron: 4th Squadron, A.F.C.

Date:

10th August 1918

Type and No. of Aeroplane: Sopwith Camel  
D1927

Time:

10-30

Armament: 2 Vickers Guns

Locality:

just South of Sailly-sur-la-Lys

Pilot: Lieut. R.G. Smallwood

Duty:

Special Mission

Height:

4,000 feet

Observer: Nil

Result

Destroyed Yes

Driven down out of control

Driven down

Remarks on Hostile Aircraft:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

Balloon, national markings.



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I dived on balloon from out of clouds from 6,000 feet. I fired 50 rounds from range of about 50 yards to 10 yards.

This balloon burst into flames.

This is confirmed by Lieut. L.E. Taplin D.F.C.

*Roy S. Mallory* Lieut.

In the Field (R)  
10-8-1918

*Wainwright* Major,  
Commanding 4th Squadron, A. F. C.

Commanding Squadron



Combats in the Air.

Squadron: 4th Squadron, A.F.C.

Date: 11th August 1918

Type and No. of Aeroplane: Sopwith Camel  
C8300

Locality: West of Armentieres

Armament: 2 Vickers Guns

Duty: Offensive Patrol

Pilot: Lieut. L. Wharton M.C.

Height: 12,000 feet

Observer: Nil

Result

{	Destroyed	_____
	Driven down out of control	<u>YES</u>
	Driven down	_____

Remarks on Hostile Aircraft:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

L.V.G., top of wings camouflaged green and yellow, underneath wings grey, fuselage camouflaged yellow. National markings outlined in white. Speed and armament unknown



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43

A

While flying just West of Armentieres I observed an L.V.G. flying about 500 feet below me. I worked to the East of this E.A. and dived below him zooming up under its tail and firing a burst of about 150 rounds from approximately 50 feet. This machine heeled over and went down completely out of control. I am certain this E.A. would ultimately crash. I then attacked another L.V.G. firing about 50 rounds from short range but was prevented following this E.A. owing to being attacked by 6 E.A. Scouts. These Scouts shot my petrol tank through. I dived through the clouds, switched on to gravity and made for our side of the lines. I was hit in the head with a piece of H.E. from enemy A.A. and in endeavouring to land my machine in a field crashed owing to running into barbed wire entanglements. I then became unconscious.

*L. Wharton*  
Lieut.

*Paul Claughey*  
Major,  
Commanding 4th Squadron, A. F. C.

In the Field (R)  
11-8-1918

Commanding \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron.



# APPENDIX *A*

(6 46 45) W2943—P433 100,000 12/17 HWV(P1779) Forms/W.3348/4

Army Form W. 3348.

## Combats in the Air.

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Squadron: 4th Squadron, A.F.C.

Date: 13th August 1918

Type and No. of Aeroplane: Sopwith Camels

Time: 17-00

Armament: 2 Vickers Guns

Locality: Cartigny

Pilot: "A" Flight

Duty: Offensive Patrol

Height: 8,000 feet

Observer: Nil

Result { Destroyed YES  
Driven down out of control \_\_\_\_\_  
Driven down \_\_\_\_\_

*No 20*

Remarks on Hostile Aircraft:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

Albatross 2 seater, camouflaged yellow and red, white fin. Small national markings in white circle. Speed and armament unknown.



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While on Offensive Patrol an Albatross 2 seater was seen flying from Peronne towards the lines at 8,000 feet.

Lieuts. King, Trescowthick, Smallwood and Carter manoeuvred East of this machine.

Lieut. King first attacked E.A. from ahead firing about 50 rounds and apparently killed Observer as he did not fire again.

The other 3 Pilots then dived on E.A. firing 50 rounds each. E.A. turned and dived away towards Peronne.

Lieut. King then followed and fired a burst of 50 rounds without apparent effect.

Lieuts. Trescowthick and Smallwood then dived on E.A. again firing 150 rounds each and Pilot dived away and attempted to land crashing and wrecking machine near Cartigny.

*R King* Lieut.,  
for "A" Flight.

In the Field (R)  
13-8-1918

*Major C. C. Clough* Major,  
Commanding 4th Squadron, A. F. C.

Commanding \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron.



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(6 46 45) W2943—P433 100,000 12/17 HWV(P1779) Forms/W.3348/4

Army Form W. 3348.

## Combats in the Air.

Squadron : 4th Squadron, A.F.C. Date : 16th August 1918  
 Type and No. of Aeroplane Sopwith Camels Time : 13-15  
 Armament 2 Vickers Guns Locality : Wavrin Aerodrome  
 Pilot : "A" Flight Duty : O.P. & Bombing  
 Height : 2,000 feet  
 Observer : Nil Result { Destroyed YES  
 Driven down out of control  
 Driven down

Remarks on Hostile Aircraft:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

Fokker Biplane, grey camouflage, national markings. Speed and armament unknown.



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## Narrative.

While bombing raid was proceeding to Haubourdin & a Fokker Biplane dived away from us and in the same direction as our own. Apparently on approaching the ground the Pilot did not observe trees below him as he hit these and turned over and crashed to pieces about 400 yards short of the Wavrin aerodrome.

*W. H. Cobble* Capt.,  
for "A" Flight.

I saw this Fokker Biplane hit the trees and crash near Wavrin aerodrome.

*W. H. Cobble* Capt.

*A. G. Wagon* Capt.

*R. King* Lieut.

*McChesnow* Lieut.

*W. H. Cobble*

In the Field (R)  
16-8-1918

*W. H. Cobble* Major,  
Commanding 4th Squadron, A. F. C.

Commanding \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron.



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## Combats in the Air.

Squadron : 4th Squadron, A.F.C.

Date : 24th August 1918

Type and No. of Aeroplane : Sopwith Camel  
E1482

Time : 15-30

Locality : N.E. of Estaires

Armament : 2 Vickers Guns

Duty : Special Mission

Pilot : 2/Lt. R.T.C. Baker M.M.

Height : 2,000 feet

Observer : Nil

Result { Destroyed.....YES.....  
Driven down out of control.....  
Driven down.....

Remarks on Hostile Aircraft :—Type, armament, speed, etc.

Balloon

### Narrative.

I dived on balloon N.E. of Estaires which was up about 2,000 feet  
I fired 150 rounds into this balloon and they immediately started  
to pull it down.  
When at about 1,000 feet it began to smoke.  
I then attacked party of troops on ground and did not observe  
ultimate result.  
This balloon is confirmed to have gone down in flames by "D"  
battery.

*Richmond Baker*  
2/Lieut.

In the Field (R)  
24-8-1918

*Clair Clough*  
Major,  
Commanding 4th Squadron, A. F. C.

Commanding.....Squadron.







		YES
Result	{	Destroyed.....
		Driven down out of control.....
		Driven down.....

Commanding.....Squadron.



- Col. L.A.Strange M.C. Dropped 4/25Lb Cooper Bombs on hangars from 50 feet. Fired 200 rounds into large house in wood close by, 100 rounds into a farm and 100 rounds at train from 300 to 200 feet.
- Lieut. J.K.Lancaster Dropped 4/25Lb Cooper Bombs on hangars. Observed one direct hit on 1st hangar of line. Fired 200 rounds into hangars and buildings from 400 feet.
- Lieut. J.H.Weingarth Dropped 1/40Lb Phosphorous and 2/25Lb Cooper Bombs on hangars from 150 feet. Observed direct hit on huts which were apparently workshops amongst trees. Fired 300 rounds into hangars and sheds in vicinity of aerodrome from 300 feet.
- Lieut. M.T.G.Cottam Dropped 4/25Lb Cooper Bombs on Officers' quarters and outbuildings in wood behind hangars from 500 feet. Did not observe effect of my bombs but noticed several fires amongst outbuildings. Observed 3 hangars in flames. Fired 200 rounds at hangars and buildings in the vicinity of aerodrome from 500 feet.
- Capt. H.G.Watson D.F.C. When I arrived 2 hangars were burning. I dropped 1/40Lb Phosphorous and 2/25Lb Cooper Bombs on what I took to be Officers' quarters in wood. My Phosphorous Bomb dropped in the centre of a group of buildings and several fires broke out. I then fired 200 rounds at party of mechanics running towards railway. Several fell apparently hit. I then zoomed and dived again on transport near a dump firing 250 rounds. One horse fell and the rest became unmanageable. Fired another 200 rounds at people on main road. Bomb dropping and firing were done from height of 50 to 150 feet.
- 2/Lt. R.T.G.Baker M.M. Dropped 1/40Lb Phosphorous and 2/25Lb Cooper Bombs on hangar. Phosphorous bomb exploded ~~in~~ in a brick building close to hangar. Did not observe effect of other bombs. I then dived and fired 300 rounds into a train near aerodrome and a searchlight near aerodrome. Fired another 200 rounds at hangars and buildings. I then attacked a touring car travelling North along a main road in the vicinity of Sainghin. I fired 150 rounds and car ran up on to a bank and pulled up. I should think occupants were hit as no one ~~was~~ left the car. My bombing and firing was done from 250 feet.
- Lieut. J.W.Wright Dropped 3/25Lb Cooper Bombs on buildings and quarters just behind burning hangars from 200 feet. Observed bursts amongst sheds and huts. Dropped 1/25Lb Cooper Bomb on rolling stock in siding near aerodrome obtaining direct hit on trucks. Fired 600 rounds into hangars, huts, and men on ground from 200 feet.
- Lieut. A.T.Heller Dropped 1/25Lb Cooper Bomb on hangar. Dropped 1/25Lb Cooper Bomb on quarters in wood. My Phosphorous Bomb just missed end hangar. Fired 200 rounds at searchlight in vicinity of aerodrome. Fired 300 rounds at hangars and huts and 150 rounds at party of men who scattered in all directions from heights of 100 to 300 feet.

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Lieut. V.G.M. Schppard When I reached aerodrome 3 hangars were burning and 2 machines on ground, also several outbuildings. I dropped 2/25Lb Cooper and 1/40Lb Phosphorous Bombs on hangars and buildings in wood just in rear of hangars. Did not observe effect. Fired 650 rounds at hangars and buildings in the vicinity of aerodrome from 200 feet.

Lieut. G. Jones Dropped 4/25Lb Cooper Bombs on hangars. Two burst in a hangar which was already burning. Fired 200 rounds at hangars, buildings ~~round~~ and men on aerodrome from 300 feet.

Lieut. E.P.E. McCleery Dropped 2/25Lb Cooper Bombs on hangars and 2/25Lb Cooper Bombs on quarters behind hangars from 200 feet. Observed 3 hangars in flames and several fires amongst Officers' quarters and outbuildings. Fired 550 rounds into huts, machine gun emplacements from 100 feet.

2/Lt. E.A. Cato Dropped 2/25Lb Cooper Bombs on hangars and 2/25Lb Cooper Bombs on huts behind hangars from 200 feet. Fired 600 rounds into hangars huts and buildings round aerodrome from 500 to 200 feet.

The following is the estimated damage caused:-

1. 3 Hangars completely destroyed by fire - one having about 8 machines in it.
2. 2 machines on ground outside hangars destroyed in flames.
3. Officers' quarters bombed and on fire. Numerous outbuildings round aerodrome set on fire (probably men quarters).
4. Shed, apparently Armoury, on fire.
5. A motor car crashed. Ditched by a bomb.
6. Numerous troops killed and wounded by bomb and machine gun fire.

In the Field (R)  
16-8-1918

*W. A. McCleery*  
Major  
Commanding 4th Squadron, A. F. C.

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- Lieut. V.G.M. Sheppard Dropped 2/25Lb Cooper Bombs and 1/40Lb Phosphorous Bomb on hangars from about 200 feet. Observed Phosphorous Bomb burst on side of hangar. Fired 500 rounds into billets, machine gun emplacements and along roads in the vicinity of aerodrome from about 300 feet. Observed 3 hangars burning.
- Lieut. A.T. Heller Dropped 2/25Lb Cooper and 1/40Lb Phosphorous Bombs on hangars from 200 feet. Fired 500 rounds at hangars and machine guns from about 200 feet.
- 2/Lt. E.A. Cato Dropped 4/25Lb Cooper Bombs on hangars from about 250 feet. Observed 2 direct hits. Fired 500 rounds into machine gun emplacements and hangars from about 300 feet. Observed 3 hangars ~~which~~ well alight and another just starting to blaze.
- Lieut. J.K. Lancaster Fired 500 rounds into hangars and machine gun emplacements from about 250 feet.
- Capt. H.G. Watson D.F.C. Dropped 4/25Lb Cooper Bombs on billets about 2 miles East of Laventie from 2000 feet. Fired 200 rounds from same height at ground targets in the same vicinity.
- Lieut. N.C. Trescowthick Dropped 4/25Lb Cooper Bombs on hangars. Observed 2 direct hits. Fired 400 rounds as follows:- 200 rounds at horse transport, 100 rounds at machine gun emplacements and 100 rounds into hangars. Bomb dropping and firing was done from about 300 feet.
- Lieut. T.R. Edols Dropped 4/25Lb Cooper Bombs on hangars from about 200 feet. Observed 2 direct hits. Fired 300 rounds into sheds, hangars, and machine gun emplacements from about 300 feet.
- Lieut. E.P.E. McCleery Dropped 4/25Lb Cooper Bombs on hangars from about 200 feet.

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