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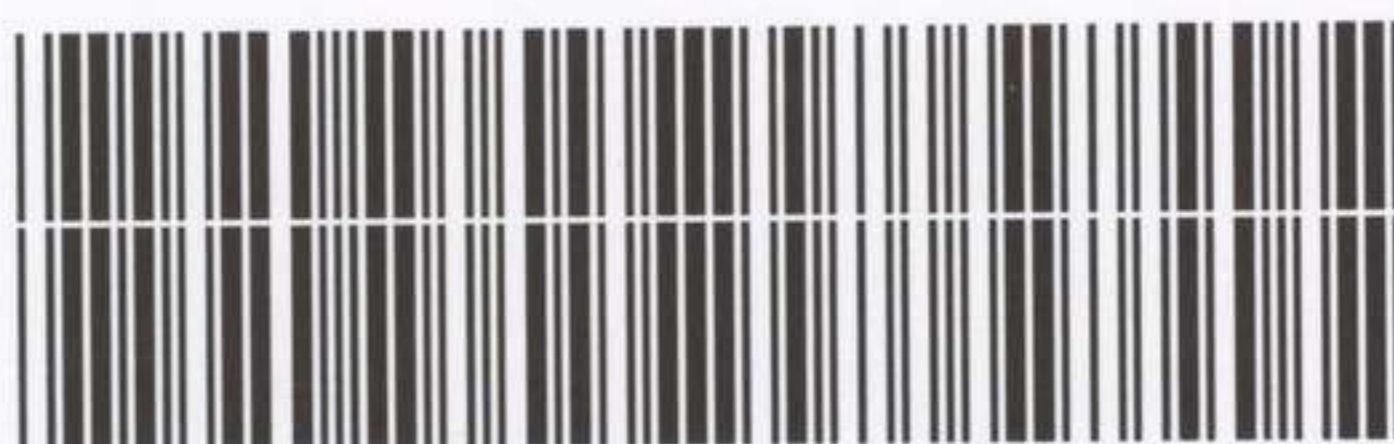
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Castle Bromwich. England	1917 July 1-31		Squadron utilised for training purposes. Graduated 15 Officers and trained 9 service Pilots.	
		5	No. 1078 1/AM Merritt A.J. recommended for Meritorious Service Medal for making a gallant attempt to save Lieut. J.K.Fletcher from a burning aeroplane. Though severely burned himself Merritt stuck to his task of releasing the Pilot until he was overcome by the fumes and fell exhausted. The Pilot was burned to death.	
			Lieut. J.K.Fletcher burned to death in aeroplane accident.	
		6	The undermentioned 20 candidates for commissions as Pilots in A.F.C. selected from the rank and file of the Squadron left for London to report to S.O. A.F.C. A.I.F. Headquarters. F/Sgt. Courtney J.C.    F/Sgt. Bate A.G.T.    F/Sgt. McCarty J.A.    1/AM Egan J.A. 2/AM Treadwell E.J.    2/AM Truscott L.S.    2/AM Donnelly J.C.T.    2/AM Lock F.M. 2/AM Storch L.A.    2/AM Caffyn A.M.    2/AM Matheson C.C.    2/AM Bolger J.E. Cpl. Best G.    2/AM Topliffe J.    2/AM Nowland G.    2/AM McCleery E.P.E. 2/AM Hill W.A.    2/AM Coy J.C.    2/AM Suess Otto    2/AM Robertson A.E.	
		12	Capt. W.Sheldon mentioned in General A.J.Murray's despatch dated 18-3-1917 for gallant and distinguished conduct in the Field.	
		15	Cpl. F.M.Drolz was admitted to hospital with compound fracture of the arm as the result of an aeroplane accident.	
	27	Capt. C.Gordon-Davis M.C. posted as Flight Commander.		