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Fulda Camp East Hendover	24/10/18	—	A Nucleus Flight consisting of 1 Sergeant and 31 men were selected from personnel of A.F.C. Depot by Major G. P. Walker and placed in charge of flight Lt. H. M. Marriott and 1st Lt. E. P. Walker and 2nd Lt. E. P. Walker Actg. S.O. and private were instructed to be in readiness to march out to Tom Hill, Salop on the 25th October to form the 30th Training Squadron A.F.C.	
Tom Hill Salop	25/10/18	—	The Nucleus Flight of flight Lt. H. M. Marriott & 2nd Lt. E. P. Walker arrived at Tom Hill and were attached to the 30th Training Squadron under Major G. P. Walker for duty discipline rations & pay.	
do	26/10/18	—	One Acting T.M.O., 1 Flight Sergeant, 1 Corporal were taken on the strength of this Squadron being transferred from 30th Training Squadron, Tom Hill.	
do	27/10/18	—	One Corporal was taken on the strength of this Squadron being transferred from 30th T.S. Tom Hill.	
do	31/10/17 25/10/18 8/1/18 8/1/18	—	Capt A.W.F. Ellis reported from A.I.D. Adgro was posted to the Nucleus Flight as A.P.O. The Nucleus Flight was attached to 30th Training Squadron for duty, discipline, rations & pay with the object of gaining experience in Squadron work. Consisting of 30 A.C.O's other & 2 Officers Lt. D. Ellis in command. The Nucleus Flight evacuated Tom Hill and marched out to Green at this date the Nucleus Flight ceased to be attached to No 30. Training Sqn. A.F.C.	

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Cirencester	9/1/18		The 33rd Training Sqn. marched into Cirencester and were attached to the 21st Div. R.F.C. Work of unloading Personnel and Munitions from Railway trucks was proceeded with, and reloaded into Motor lorries for transport to the new Aerodrome at Chickhampton and Lighterton. Transportation was immediately begun.	
	17/1/18		Two men reported back from Hospital. Capt Ellis M.O. reported back from Hospital. ^{in assumed command.}	
	23/1/18		* Letter from A.H.Q. advised that No 33rd Training Squadron R.F.C. would in future be known as No. 8. Training Squadron R.F.C.	
	26/1/18		One N.C.O. and 37 men marched in from R.F.C. Depot and were taken on the strength of No. 8. S.I. Strength of Squadron at date :- 3 Officers & 64 men.	
			One W.O. one Sergeant and 28 men, a draft for No. 9 Training Squadron R.F.C. were arrived at Cirencester and were temporarily attached to No. 8. Training Sqn.	
	27/1/18		Two W.O. marched in ^{from R.F.C. Depot} and was taken on the strength of No. 8. S.I.	
			One Sgt and 4 men marched in from R.F.C. Depot for No. 7. S.I. and were temporarily attached for duties, rationing etc.	
	30/1/18		Two N.C.O. marched in from R.F.C. Depot and was taken on the strength of No. 8. S.I., R.F.C.	

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Cremaster	31/1/18		No. 1100) 22935. Taken Hogg. I was marched out under escort to A.F.C. Depot and struck off the strength of No. 8. I.S. A.F.C. on account of his undesirable behaviour.	
do.	31/1/18		Work of transporting and erecting Bessoumans hangars at Murchinghamston was proceeding satisfactorily. The men of No. 8. I.S. doing the work at Murchinghamston and those men attached from No. 7. I.S. were erecting at Lightston Aerodrome.	
do.	6/2/18		Aus 5487. Taken Turnbull. W. J. reported from the A.F.C. Depot and was taken on the strength of No. 8. I.S. as a cook.	
do.	1/2/18		Aus. 2. J.W.O. Heath. C. T. marched out to A.F.C. Depot and was struck off the strength of No. 8. I.S.	
do.	5/2/18		Capt A.W. Ellis. M.C. was promoted to the temporary rank of Major whilst commanding No. 8. Training Squadron. A.F.C.	
do.	14/2/18		Aus. 4557. P. E. Turner. S.E. marched in from No. 19th Batt ⁿ Sutton Veny and was attached to No. 8. I.S. for duty as a Batman.	

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Murchinhampton	18/2/18.		The Squadron evacuated Bilets in Czerwiec and moved into huts on Murchinhampton Aerodrome. The strength of the Squadron at this date was 6 Officers and 8 other Ranks. Attached: - 34 other Ranks.	
Leighton	25/2/18		The Squadron evacuated Murchinhampton Aerodrome and occupied quarters in Lashbrough House near Leighton Aerodrome.	
do	25/2/18		Six men marched in from A.P.C. Depot and were taken on the strength of No. 8. Training Squadron.	
do.	5/3/18		Thirteen men marched in from the A.P.C. Depot and were taken on the strength of No. 8. T.S.	
	20/3/18		Two men marched out for duties Overseas and were struck off the strength of No. 8. T.S.	
	25/3/18		One N.C.O. marched out for duties Overseas and was struck off the strength of No. 8. T.S.	
	28/3/18		Two Officers and one Cadet marched in and were taken on the strength of No. 8. T.S.	
	10/4/18		Two N.C.O.'s and one man marched in from No. 1 P.C. Depot and were taken on the strength of No. 8. T.S.	

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Lighterton	10/4/18		The work of erecting Bessouanc hangars at Lighterton Aerodrome was completed.	
	11/4/18		One officer arrived from No. 2 Sqn. A.F.C. as an instructor and was taken on the strength of No. 8. I.S.	
	11/4/18		The first three machines arrived at Lighterton Lane and were taken on the charge of No. 8. I.S.	
	12/4/18		Commenced flying.	
	17/4/18		Fifteen men marched in from A.F.C. Depot and were taken on the strength of No. 8. I.S.	
	20/4/18		Sgt. 3156. 1st Lt. G. N. marched out on command to R. A.F. Armament School, Arbroath for a course in Guns and Seats.	
	25/4/18		Suzac Day. All ranks attended a sports meeting at Murchumplethorpe Aerodrome.	
	27/4/18		Lieut. McKenzie. R.W. M.C. was posted to the Squadron from No. 2 Sqn. A.F.C. as Acting Night Commander.	
	29/4/18		One A.C.O. and two men marched out to A.F.C. Depot as prospective cadets. Authority: 1 W 69/1/1 of 26/4/18.	

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Lightherton	30/4/18		Total number of machines on charge to No. 8. T.S. at this date was four (4) hours. The strength of the Squadron was:- 17 Officers (including cadets) and 12 Other Ranks. Attached:- 6 Other Ranks.	
	5/5/18		Six cadets marched in from A.F.C. Depot and were taken on the strength of No. 8. T.S.	
	7/5/18		Aus. 3156. 1st Lt. Galie. E.N. reported back from on command with A.F.C. Amusement School, Washidge.	
	8/5/18		One man was struck off the strength of No. 8. Training Squadron. A.F.C. and transferred to the P. Wing Headquarters, A.F.C.	
	14/5/18		One A.C.O. (Aus 3486. as Sgt. Ridgwell. L.A.) was admitted to Beaufort War Hospital, Bristol as the result of an aeroplane accident.	
	16/5/18		Two officers marched in from A.F.C. Depot, Wendover and were taken on the strength of No. 8. Training Squadron. A.F.C.	
	22/5/18		One man marched in from A.F.C. Depot and was on strength of No. 8. T.S.	
	25/5/18		Aus. 1347 A.F.W.O. Gutterbrich. Thomas. died from natural causes.	
	25/5/18		The late A.F.W.O. Gutterbrich. T. was buried at Lightherton Cemetery. Chaplain Wright Dunsford officiating at the grave-side.	

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Leigherton	23/5/18		One N.C.O. marched in from A.F. Depot and was taken on the strength of No. 8. S.S. for disciplinary duties.	
	27/5/18		Capt G. B. Wilson, M.C., D.C.M. and Lieut. W. H. Broad proceeded to the S.S. 7. Gosport for further instruction.	
	30/5/18		One man marched in from No. 4. Squadron. A.F. Depot and was taken on the strength of No. 8. S.S. A.F. Depot.	
	31/5/18		One man marched in from A.F. Depot, Henwood and was taken on the strength of No. 8. S.S., A.F. Depot.	
			The total strength of the Squadron at this date was: 29 Officers (including cadets) & 101 other ranks.	
			Total aircraft on charge: - 21 machines.	

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