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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices												
Shawbury	Sept. 1917 1st		<p>Morning:- Good until 8 a.m. rain afterwards.                      Evening:- Strong Westerly Gale, very bumpy, unfit for Shorthorns.</p> <p>-----</p> <p><u>Discipline.</u> No. 118 Sergt Higgins, M.F. "Whilst on Active Service"                      (1). Neglect of duty.                      (2). Making a false statement to a superior N.C.O.                      (3). Absent without leave from the 8 a.m. parade.  <u>Severely Reprimanded.</u></p> <p>-----</p> <p>No. 12341 2/A.M. Stewart, C.K. "whilst on active service!"                      Absent without leave from 12 midnight 30/8/1917                      to 3.15 p.m. 31/8/1917. 15½ Hours.  <u>Forfeits 1 days pay under R.W. and awarded 7 days C.B.</u></p> <p><u>Flying times.</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>"A" Flight.</td> <td>1 Hr</td> <td>10 Mins.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"B" Flight.</td> <td>2 Hrs</td> <td>10 Mins.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"C" Flight.</td> <td>3 Hrs</td> <td>--</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total.</td> <td>6 Hrs</td> <td>20 Mins.</td> </tr> </table>	"A" Flight.	1 Hr	10 Mins.	"B" Flight.	2 Hrs	10 Mins.	"C" Flight.	3 Hrs	--	Total.	6 Hrs	20 Mins.	
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"C" Flight.	3 Hrs	--														
Total.	6 Hrs	20 Mins.														
DO.	2nd		<p>Morning:-   Squadron Holiday. No Flying.                      Evening:-  </p>													
DO.	3rd.		<p>Morning:- Slight Breeze from S.W.; overcast; good for Solos.                      Evening:- Good for dual up to 2,000 ft.; overcast.</p> <p>-----</p> <p><u>Flying Times.</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>"A" Flight</td> <td>7 Hrs</td> <td>25 Mins.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"B" Flight</td> <td>7 Hrs</td> <td>35 Mins.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>"C" Flight</td> <td>7 Hrs</td> <td>10 Mins.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total.</td> <td>22 Hrs</td> <td>10 Mins.</td> </tr> </table>	"A" Flight	7 Hrs	25 Mins.	"B" Flight	7 Hrs	35 Mins.	"C" Flight	7 Hrs	10 Mins.	Total.	22 Hrs	10 Mins.	
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 No. 29 Training Squadron











WAR DIARY

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Shawbury	9th		<p>Morning: Low lying clouds, air very free, from irregularities, no sunshine.                      Evening: Good up to 7.15 p.m. Easterly wind, too strong for dual.</p> <p>Flying times.    "A" Flight    9 Hrs 20 Mins.                                           "B" Flight    13 Hrs 55 Mins.                                           "C" Flight    10 Hrs 55 Mins.                         <u>34 Hrs 10 Mins.</u></p>	
do.	10th		<p>As per previous page.</p>	
do.	11th		<p>Morning:- Early, morning mist, clouds 300 feet lifting later to 4,000 feet, later strong North East wind. very choppy and not good for instruction.                      Evening:- Strong North Wind, very Rough and unsuitable for instruction, clouds 2,500 feet.</p> <p>Flying Times:-    "A" Flight 3 Hrs 55 Mins.                                                   "B" Flight 7 Hrs 15 Mins.                                                   "C" Flight 4 Hrs 55 Mins.                         <u>Total. 16 Hrs 5 Mins.</u></p>	
do.	12th		<p>Morning:- Clear, strong W Wind, very bumpy, not good for dual on M.F.S.H.                      Evening:- Very Strong wind, and much too rough for M.F.S.H. machines.</p> <p>Flying Times.    "A" Flight    1 Hr 20 Mins.                                           "B" Flight    2 Hrs 40 Mins.                                           "C" Flight    4 Hrs -- Mins.                         <u>Total    8 Hrs -- Mins.</u></p>	
			<p>3 Cadets marched out for Higher Instruction:-----</p>	See App 1.
			<p>7 Cadets report their arrival. 4 Cadets marched out for Higher Instruction:-----</p>	See App 1.

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Shawbury, 13th.

Morning:- Strong Wind, rain at intervals, unfit for M.F.S.H. machines.  
Evening:- Stormy, rain at intervals.

Punishments. No. 504, 2/A.M. Moore, W.M. "Whilst on Active service" "Neglect of Duty" in that he failed to return to his duty in the Armoury at the time he should have done so-5.30 p.m.) 4 days C.B.

Flying Times. "A" Flight Nil.  
"B" Flight 40 Mins. 5 Cadets marched out for Higher Instruction  
"C" Flight Nil. 2 Cadets reported their arrival.  
Total. 40 Mins. 1st Class W.O. reports his arrival.

See App 1.

do. 14th.

Morning:-Clear, gentle breeze, good for instruction.  
Evening:-Calm, suitable for M.F.S.H. instruction.  
Afternoon:- Bumpy, not suitable for M.F.S.H. instruction.

Punishment. No. 1365 2/A.M. Worsley, R.V. "Whilst on Active Service" "Neglect of Duty" in that he was 35 minutes late in reporting for duty as dining room Orderly. 2 Days C.B.

Flying Times. "A" Flight 5 Hrs 30 Mins.  
"B" Flight 10 Hrs 20 Mins.  
"C" Flight 6 Hrs 40 Mins.  
Total. 22 Hrs 30 Mins.

1 Officer marched out. 4 men report their arrival. 1 Cadet reported:----- See App 1.

do. 15th

Morning:- Some mist, slightly bumpy.  
Evening:- Slightly bumpy and a little rain.

Flying Times. "A" Flight 4 Hrs 55 Mins.  
"B" Flight 8 Hrs 30 Mins.  
"C" Flight 6 Hrs 25 Mins.  
19 Hrs 50 Mins.

3 Cadets reported their arrival. 2 men struck off strength;----- See App 1.

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Shawbury. 16th. Sunday: Squadron Holiday.

DO. 17th. Morning:- Good at first, becoming very rough and unsuitable for instruction.  
Evening:- Strong S.W. Breeze.

Flying Times: "A" Flight 2 Hrs 40 Mins.  
"B" Flight 3 Hrs 45 Mins.  
"C" Flight 40 Mins.  
7 Hrs 5 Mins.

1. 1st Class W.O. Marched out: ----- See App 1.

Do. 18th. Morning:- Steady S.W. Breeze, good for instruction in M.F.S.H.  
Evening:- S.W. Breeze very bumpy and not good for instruction.

Aircraft. Maurice Farman S.H. No. B4736 having been received by rail from Air Craft Mfg Coy.  
14/9/17 is taken on charge of No. 29 T.S., A.F.C.  
Re-Allotment. 15/9/17.  
M.F.S.H. B4736 from No. 29 T.S., to A.R.S.  
Re- Allotment. 16/9/17.  
M.F.S.H. B4673 from No. 29 T.S., to A.R.S.

Flying Times. "A" Flight 6 hrs 25 Mins.  
"B" Flight 6 hrs 5 Mins.  
"C" Flight 7 Hrs 15 Mins.  
Total. 19 Hrs 45 Mins.

1 N.C.O. Reported his arrival:----- See App 1.

Do. 19th. Morning:- Wet early, good from 11.15' to 12.30 p.m.  
Evening:- Dark and Foggy at 6.45 p.m.

Aircraft. The following aeroplanes are allotted as shown:-  
M.F.S.H. A4074 from "A" Flight to "B" Flight.  
do. A4672 " "A" Flight to "B" Flight.  
do. B1958 " "A" Flight to "C" Flight.  
do. A2233 " "A" Flight to "C" Flight.



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Date.

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Remarks.

Shawbury 19th.

Flying Times:-

"A" Flight	4 Hrs 10 Mins.
"B" Flight	7 Hrs 10 Mins.
"C" Flight	6 Hrs 13 Mins.
Total.	<u>17 Hrs 33 Mins.</u>

1 Assistant Instructor reported his arrival.  
 1 Man marched in.  
 1 N.C.O. marched out.

----- See App 1.

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do. 20th.

Morning:- Strong, S.S.W. Wind, rain clouds.  
 Evening:- Strong, S.S.W. Wind, unsuitable for Shorthorns.

Aircraft. Re-Allotment M.F.S.H.B4664 from "A" Flight to "B" Flight.  
 M.F.S.H.A4074 " "B" Flight to "C" Flight.

Flying Times. "B" Flight 30 Mins.  
 "C" Flight 1 Hr 5 Mins.  
 Total. 1 Hr 35 Mins.

6 Men reported their arrival:----- See App 1.



do. 21st.

Morning:- Bumpy before 7 a.m.  
 Evening:- Good above 500 feet after 5.30 p.m.

Flying Times. "B" Flight 7 Hrs 45 Mins.  
 "C" Flight 6 Hrs 10 Mins.  
 Total. 13 Hrs 55 Mins.

do. 22nd.

Morning:- Strong, S.W. Wind, very bumpy, unsuitable for instruction or solo on M.F.S.H.  
 Evening:- Too windy for solo or duals.

Flying Times. "B" Flight 1 Hr 10 Mins.  
 "C" Flight 1 Hr 5 Mins.  
 Total 2 Hr 15 Mins.

do. 23rd.

Morning:- Rain and Mist, becoming clear about 9.30 a.m.  
 Evening:- Bumpy but suitable for instruction.

Flying Times "B" Flight 8 Hrs 50 Mins.  
 "C" Flight 6 Hrs 5 Mins.  
 Total. 14 Hrs 55 Mins.

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Place. Date. Summary of events and information. Remarks.

Shawbury. 24th.

Morning:- Misty Early, afterwards bright sunshine.  
 Evening:- Rather rough.

Punishment. No. 2112 2/A.M. Murrell, L.J., A.F.C.  
 (a) Disobedience of Orders. )  
 (b) Insolence to an N.C.O. ) 3 Extra Guards.  
 (c) Using obscene language. )  
 Flying Times. "B" Flight 9 Hrs 10 Mins.  
 "C" Flight 9 Hrs 5 Mins.  
18 Hrs 15 Mins.



9 Cadets marched out for Higher Instruction )  
 9 Cadets report their arrival. ) ----- See App 1.

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do. 25th.

Morning:- Slightly bumpy.  
 Evening:- Good.

Flying Times. "B" Flight 8 Hrs 5 Mins.  
 "C" Flight 5 Hrs 45 Mins.  
 Total. 13 Hrs 50 Mins.

4 Cadets marched out for Higher Instruction )  
 2 men struck off strength. ) ----- See App 1.  
 1 Officer reported his arrival. )

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do. 26th

Morning:- Rather bumpy and not good for dual instruction.  
 Evening:- Raining until about 5.30 p.m. afterwards slightly bumpy.

Flying Times. "B" Flight 7 Hrs 45 Mins.  
 "C" Flight 6 Hrs 40 Mins.  
 Total. 14 Hrs 25 Mins.

1 Officer reported his arrival. ----- See App 1.

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Place. Date. Summary of events and information. Remarks.

Shawbury. 27th. Morning:- Good from 5.30 till 8.30 a.m.  
 Evening:- Strong Westerly wind, bumpy, fair.

Flying Times. "B" Flight 10 Hrs 15 Mins.  
 "C" Flight 11 Hrs 35 Mins.  
21 Hrs 50 Mins.



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DO. 28th. Morning:- Strong, S.W.Wind continuing through the day.  
 Evening. Strong S.W.Wind, suitable for M.F.S.H. Solo, unsuitable for dual instruction.

Promotions. The undermentioned N.C.O's and 1st A. Mechanics are promoted as shown.  
 To be A/Sergeants (without pay) from 28/9/17.  
 No. 1361 Cpl Strike, E.E.. No.51 Cpl Stubbs, J.  
 To be A/Corporals (without pay) from 28/9/17.  
 No. 1130 1/A.M. Morgan A. No. 1114 1/A.M. Cronin, T.P.  
 No. 136 1/A.M. Cook, C. No. 2764 1/A.M. Thompson, L.J.

Flying Times. "B" Flight 13 Hrs 25 Mins.  
 "C" Flight 12 Hrs 25 Mins.  
25 Hrs 50 Mins.

Do. 29th. Morning:- Light Breeze, good for instruction, afternoon Bumpy.  
 Evening:- Good for instruction.

Flying Times. "B" Flight 10 Hrs 5 Mins.  
 "C" Flight 13 Hrs 20 Mins.  
 Total. 23 Hrs 25 Mins.

1 man marched out. ----- See App 1.

Do. 30th. Sunday:- Squadron Holiday.

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Date. Officers. Cadets. O/Rks.

Date	Officers	Cadets	O/Rks.	Notes
1st	10. a.	39. b.	149.	(a) As per attached list.
2nd	10.	39.	149.	
3rd	11. a.	39.	146. b.	(a) Arrival. Capt Day, J.F.A. as Flight Commander. (b) <u>Struck off Strength (28 days in Hospital).</u> 1/A.M. Peters, 2/A.M. Poole, 2/A.M. Musgrave.
4th	11.	39.	146.	
5th	11. a.	39.	145. b.	(a) Arrival. Lieut Drake, F.F. as Act Adjt. <u>Departure. Lieut Lang, A, to 73 T.S. Lilbourne.</u> <u>STRUCK OFF STRENGTH (28 Days in Hospital)</u> 2/A.M. Thackeray, N.C.
6th	12. a.	39.	146. b.	(a) Arrival. Lieut K.R. Menzies as Equipment Officer, (3rd). (b) Arrival. 2/A.M. Wisher, L.S.
7th	12.	39.	144. a.	(a) <u>Departure to A.F.C., Depot, Wendover.</u> 2/A.M. McGregor W.T., 2/A.M. Bleakley, W.J.
8th	10. a.	39.	152. b.	(a) <u>Departures. Lieut Sly, G.L.. 2/Lieut Dowty, E.J.</u> <u>Arrivals. Ptes Wright, Jones, Harrison, Hixon, Herford, Hitcheson, Gallyott, &amp; Forsyth.</u>
9th	10.	39.	152.	
10th	10.	37. a.	152.	(a) <u>Departures for Higher Instruction. Cadets:-</u> <u>Taplin &amp; Treadwell.</u>
11th	10.	34. a.	152.	(a) <u>Departures for Higher Instruction. Cadets:-</u> <u>King, Elwyn, Sheppard.</u>
12th	10.	37. a.	152.	(a) <u>Departures for Higher Instruction. Cadets:-</u> <u>Clark, A.G., Clark, D.G. Pflaum, &amp; Nowland,</u> <u>Arrivals. Cadets:- Fryberg, Couston, Vidler,</u> <u>Rackett, Fuller, Kilburn, Treacy.</u>
13th	10.	34. a.	153. b.	(a) <u>Departures for Higher Instruction. Cadets:-</u> <u>Power, Lawson, Truscott, Miller, Cornell.</u> <u>Arrivals:- Cadets Montgomery, &amp; Alberry.</u> <u>Arrival. 1st W.O. Bushby, W.</u>
14th	9. a.	35. b.	157. c.	(a) <u>Lieut Blazebrook R.F. posted to Brigade Pool</u> (b). <u>Arrival. Cadet Hammond.</u> (c) <u>Arrivals.</u> <u>Ptes Cheyne, Rix, Sutton, Burke.</u>
15th	9.	38. a.	155. b.	(a) <u>Arrivals. Cadets:- Cameron, Feez, Nelson.</u> (b) <u>Struck off strength. 28 days in Hospital.</u> <u>Corp Day, 2/A.M. Borgman.</u>
16th	9.	38.	155.	
17th	9.	38.	154. a.	<u>Departure. 1st W.O. Bushby, W.</u>
18th	9.	38.	155. a.	<u>Arrival. Cpl Patten.</u>
19th	10. a.	38.	155. b.	(a) <u>Arrival: Lieut Guillon as Asst Instructor.</u> (b) <u>2/A.M. Stewart, M. Departure. S/Sgt McLachlan.</u>
20th	10.	38.	161. a.	(a) <u>Arrivals. 2/A.M. Conways, Varcoe, Patterson,</u> <u>Gates, Franklin, Moxon.</u>
21st	10.	38.	161.	
22nd	10.	38.	161.	
23rd	10.	38.	161.	
24th	10.	38. a.	161. a.	(a) <u>Arrivals. Cadets Cox, Carr, Sell, Heathcote,</u> <u>Hope, Sanson, Heath, Grant, Barry, Departures.</u> <u>Cadets sexton, Carter, Bate Currie to C.F.S.</u> <u>Upavon. Cadets Streeter &amp; Foale &amp; Matheson</u> <u>to 66 T.S., Yatesbury. Cadets George &amp; Chambers</u> <u>to 34 T.S., Tern Hill.</u>
25th	11. a.	34. b.	159. c.	(a) <u>Arrival. 2/Lieut Jeffers, J.P. pending Insts.</u> (b) <u>Departures. Cadets Rees &amp; Pengilly to</u> <u>66 T.S. Yatesbury, Adams &amp; Davies to 34 T.S.,</u> <u>Tern Hill, (c) Struck off strength (28 days</u> <u>in Hospital.) 2/A.M. Renouf, 2/A.M. Sutherland.</u>
26th	11. a.	34.	159.	(a) <u>Arrival. 2/Lieut Moore, W.M. pending Insts.</u> <u>Departure:- 2/Lt Sampson to 34 T.S., Tern Hill.</u>
27th	11.	34.	159.	
28th	11.	34.	159.	
29th	11.	34.	158. a.	(a) <u>Departure to A.F.C. Depot 2/A.M. Moore, W.M.</u>
30th	11.	34.	158.	

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Officers on Permanent Staff and attached to No. 29 T.S.,  
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Permanent Staff.

Major, Petre,	H.A.	Squadron Commander.
Lieut. Lang,	A.	Flt/Commander.
Lieut. Sly,	G.L.	Acting Adjutant.
2/Lieut. Dowty,	E.J.	Equipment Officer.
Lieut. Badgery,	A.D.	Asst. Instructor.
Lieut. Turner,	C.	do.
2/Lieut. Edwards,	W.T.	do.



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R.F.C. OFFICERS ATTACHED.

2/Lieut. Beskeen,	J.W.
2/Lieut. Glazebrook,	R.F.

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A.F.C. OFFICER ATTACHED.

2/Lieut. Sampson,	L.M.
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Australian Cadets attached to No. 29 T.S., A.F.C.

Cadet Adams,	A.W.
" Armstrong,	R.C.
" Best,	G.W.
" Carter,	D.C.
" Cash,	J.N.
" Chambers,	H.L.H.
" Clark,	A.G.
" Clark,	D.G.
" Courtney,	J.C.
" Cornell,	H.G.
" Craig,	L.McK.
" Currie,	F.T.
" Davies,	J.W.
" Donnelly,	J.C.T.
" Douglass,	H.U.
" Elwyn,	G.M.
" Foale,	H.S.
" George,	L.
" Hottes,	W.N.L.
" King,	R.
" Lawson,	P.H.
" Malley,	G.F.
" Martin,	C.H.
" Matheson,	C.C.
" Miller,	H.W.
" Nowland,	G.
" Power,	F.A.
" Pengilley,	J.J.
" Pflaum,	E.F.
" Rees,	A.W.
" Roberts,	F.L.
" Sexton,	H.W.
" Sheppard,	F.H.
" Streeter,	H.
" Taplin,	E.
" Truscott,	L.S.
" Treadwell,	E.J.C.
" Willmott,	F.B.
" Wolstenholme,	H. E.

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MEDICAL STATISTICS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1917.



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DATE ADMITTED	NO	RANK	NAME		DATE DISCHARGED	REMARKS.
1st September	1053	2/AM	Ford	G.K.	20/9/1917)	Transferred to
3rd September	12341	2/AM	Stewart	C.K.	)	Harefield Park
					)	<del>XXIX</del> 11/9/17.
3rd September		Cadet	Martin	C.H.	13/9/1917	
5th September	35	2/AM	Cheffins	A.		
10th September	1607	Gnr.	Hereford	W.H.		Died 4/10/1917.
12th September		Lieut	Badgery	A.D.	24/9/1917	
1st September	1003	2/AM	Stewart	M.		
1st September	1590	2/AM	Dean	A.H.		
16th September	1346	2/AM	Bugg	W.H.	5/10/1917	
18th September		2/Lieut	Beskeen	J.W.		

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