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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sth. Carlton	8/1/17		<p>The following Officers not graduated as Pilots in R.F.C. in England sent to Squadrons as shown to qualify -</p> <p>To No. 20 R.S. WYE.</p> <p>Lieut. and Hon. Capt. H.H. STORRER, Lieuts. D.P. FLOCKART, S.W. ADDISON, J. BRAKE,</p> <p>To No. 13 R.S. DOVER -</p> <p>Lieut. J.R. DUIGAN, R.C. TROUT, V.A. NORVILL.</p> <p>All the above Officers had qualified for Wings according to regulations in Australia and were considered fit for higher training.</p> <p>To No. 49 R.S., SPITTELEGATE (near GRANTHAM).</p> <p>Lieuts. H.F. TAYLOR, N.L. PETCHLER, G.I.L. MURRAY, H.N. WRIGLEY, A. GRIGGS, A.W.M. MOWLE, J.K.C. WALKER, S.G. GARRETT, H.S. KITSON, D.G. MORRISON, J.L. SANDY.</p>	
	9/1/17		<p>W.O. ELLISON and 42 Fitters proceeded to EDINBURGH to Scottish School of Fitters for training on Service engines.</p> <p>20 riggers proceeded to NETHERAVON for training on rigging Service machines</p>	
	11/1/17		<p>4 Photographers to NEWCASTLE ON TYNE (19th Wing) for training. 30 Wireless Operators/</p>	

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Sth. Carlton	11/1/17		<p>Operators to FARNBOROUGH, M.T. Drivers to various Squadrons for instruction.</p> <p>NOTE - Despatching of both untrained Officers and men for instruction was considered advisable by G.O.C. Training Brigade, R.F.C. It was impossible at the time to train either within the Squadron no machines up till this day having been allotted. Neither could the training be carried out in 23rd Wing which itself was only in the nucleus state. The aerodrome was still barely half finished and the contractors were hard at work providing accommodation for personnel machines and workshops. The Squadron had come over from Australia with Acting Non-commissioned Officers and all these reverted to 2/AM, the Commanding Officer being of the opinion that all should start off scratch, the men showing up best during training to receive first consideration.</p>	
	12/1/17		<p>The first machines allotted to the Squadron, AVROS with 80 h.p. GNOME engines, arrived but were immediately re-allotted to No. 37 R.S. SCAMPTON.</p>	
	30/1/17		<p>Captain W.H. ANDERSON delivered to the Squadron its first machine BE2E A/1794. collected from Makers VULCAN Works, SOUTHPORT. First batch of reinforcements, Lieut. M.W. DUNCAN and 20 other ranks arrived per H.M.T. HORORATA. These reinforcements were kept at SOUTH CARLTON till 5/2/17. It was originally intended to establish</p>	

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Sth. Carlton	30/1/17		<p>establish an A.F.C. Depot there but this was objected to by Training Brigade and the Reinforcement Depot was temporarily established at PERHAM DOWN near TIDWORTH.</p> <p><u>PROMOTIONS</u> - Officers - January, 1917.</p> <p>2/Lieut. E.G.KNOX to be Lieut. 12/1/17. Authority A.I.F.List 139.</p> <p><u>GASUALTIES</u>, January, 1917, Nil.</p>	