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Sth. Carlton	14.6.17		<p>June saw the beginning of the end of the Squadron as a training Squadron and the definite news that it would proceed overseas on August 21st in REB's. Several new types of machines (that is, new to the Squadron) were introduced to it during this month including the AW (90 R.A.F.), the CURTISS and the REB.</p> <p>June saw the only other two fatal accidents during training.</p> <p>On 14/6/17, 2/Lieut. L.F.GEESON, R.F.C., was being given dual instruction on an 80 GNOME AVRO, by 2/Lieut. C.P.LOWRY, R.F.C., The engine cut out and the machine stalled on a turn. The machine crashed badly and the pupil was severely injured. He was taken to the 4th Northern General Hospital, LINCOLN, where he died on 15/6/17. As in the case of his other serious crash Lieut. LOWRY was not injured but was considerably shaken.</p> <p>On 16/6/17, 2/Lieut. T.W.BARTLE, A.F.C., was flying a BE2E solo when he collided at about 5000' with an AW, just over SCAMPTON aerodrome. The AW hit him with his tail skid and pulled out the centre section of Lieut. BARTLE's machine. The wings fell off and the machine crashed. The AW got down uninjured. Lieut. BARTLE was buried in NEWPORT Cemetery, LINCOLN.</p>	

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Sth. Carlton	17.6.17		<p>On 17/6/17 another member of the original Squadron was killed by spinning a SOPWITH PUP into the ground on SOUTH CARLTON aerodrome. This was 2/Lieut. H. F. KITSON who after graduating was sent to No. 45 Training Squadron for training on scouts.</p> <p>Lieut. KITSON was buried in NEWPORT Cemetery, LINCOLN.</p> <p>Towards the end of June a number of pilots were sent to No. 60 Training Squadron for training on REB's.</p> <p>The following is a summary of the work done during June</p> <p>Pilots turned out -</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>FOR THE AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS</u></p> <table data-bbox="677 1242 2246 1331"> <tr> <td>Cadet C. B. CHAPPLE, 14/6/17</td> <td>2/Lieut. N. CLARK, 13/6/17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/Lieut. L. B. GARSON, 24/6/17</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>FOR THE ROYAL FLYING CORPS</u></p> <table data-bbox="677 1441 2325 1610"> <tr> <td>2/Lieut. F. M. BRADFIELD, 11/6/17</td> <td>2/Lieut. T. H. BUSWELL, 22/6/17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" S. E. MEERING, 23/6/17</td> <td>" G. DODDS, 25/6/17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" J. H. BINNS, 25/6/17</td> <td>Sergt. F. HOPPER, 28/6/17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" J. B. HINCHCLIFFE, 14/6/17</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>The following pupils were posted to the Squadron -</p> <table data-bbox="677 1719 2578 1838"> <tr> <td>Sergt. F. HOPPER, R.F.C., 12/6/17</td> <td>2/Lieut. A. J. SISLEY, R.F.C., 14/6/17.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2/Lieut. A. H. CLOUGH, R.F.C., 15/6/17</td> <td>" T. D. McINTOSH, R.F.C., 20/6/17.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" R. W. THROWER, R.F.C., 20/6/17</td> <td>" D. M. K. MARENDEZ, R.F.C., 20/6/17</td> </tr> </table>	Cadet C. B. CHAPPLE, 14/6/17	2/Lieut. N. CLARK, 13/6/17	2/Lieut. L. B. GARSON, 24/6/17		2/Lieut. F. M. BRADFIELD, 11/6/17	2/Lieut. T. H. BUSWELL, 22/6/17	" S. E. MEERING, 23/6/17	" G. DODDS, 25/6/17	" J. H. BINNS, 25/6/17	Sergt. F. HOPPER, 28/6/17	" J. B. HINCHCLIFFE, 14/6/17		Sergt. F. HOPPER, R.F.C., 12/6/17	2/Lieut. A. J. SISLEY, R.F.C., 14/6/17.	2/Lieut. A. H. CLOUGH, R.F.C., 15/6/17	" T. D. McINTOSH, R.F.C., 20/6/17.	" R. W. THROWER, R.F.C., 20/6/17	" D. M. K. MARENDEZ, R.F.C., 20/6/17	
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