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<i>Laverton Australia</i>	<i>25-10-16 to 27-3-17</i>		<p>When the 3rd Squadron, Australian Flying Corps, under the command of Capt. H.H. Storrer, marched out of Laverton Camp (old site) at 3 a.m. on 25th October 1916, the remaining 26 men together with Lieut. A.K. Stronach were taken command of by Lieut. Andrew Lang who was enlisted from the N.S.W. School of Aviation, and constituted the nucleus of the 4th Squadron, Australian Flying Corps.</p> <p>The work of the Squadron whilst at Laverton consisted of technical work in connection with the aircraft at the C.F.S. Laverton, primary physical training, musketry, etc. All men upon entering the camp were subjected to a mechanical test and if they failed to satisfy the Examining Officer were immediately forwarded to Royal Park for inclusion in some other branch of the Army.</p> <p>On 23rd December 1916 the undermentioned Officers were posted to the Squadron:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Capt. F. Carolan</td> <td>Lieut. A.H. Cobby</td> <td>Lieut. E.B. Nelson</td> <td>Lieut. M. Sheehan</td> <td>Lieut. L. Garson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut. L.J. Primrose</td> <td>Lieut. R.G. Francis</td> <td>Lieut. W.F. Herbert</td> <td>Lieut. T.F. Turner</td> <td>Lieut. P.A. McBain</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut. G.H. Kindred</td> <td>Lieut. L. King</td> <td>Lieut. B. Weaver</td> <td>Lieut. C.R. Burton</td> <td>Lieut. N. Clarke</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut. R.G. Clarke</td> <td>Lieut. A.W. Tyers</td> <td>Lieut. E.A. Phillips</td> <td>Lieut. A.F.G. Stafford</td> <td>Lieut. N.B. Love</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lieut. G.T. Wilcox</td> <td>Lieut. Z. Freadman</td> <td>Lieut. O.J. Jones</td> <td>Lieut. N.C. Johnson</td> <td>Lieut. T. Hewson</td> </tr> </table> <p>All of the above Officers attended daily at the C.F.S. for primary instruction in aviation and passed through their initial stages in G.W. Box Kites and Maurice Farman S.H. However they each flew for about 30 minutes dual only.</p> <p>The Squadron was mobilised by 10th January 1917. Lieut. A. Lang had in the meantime been promoted to the rank of Temporary Captain. The Squadron with the Officers previously mentioned embarked aboard the R.M.S. OMRAH at Port Melbourne Pier and together with 21 first reinforcements sailed at 1 p.m. the same day. Lectures on all aeronautical subjects were given during the voyage.</p> <p>The Squadron arrived at Plymouth on 27-3-1917 and marched into No.6 Camp, Perham Downs, the same night at 11-40 p.m.</p> <p>On 28-3-17 the Squadron was inspected by General Sir Newton Moore, and rested in Perham Downs Camp until it proceeded to Castle Bromwich aerodrome on 2-4-1917.</p>	Capt. F. Carolan	Lieut. A.H. Cobby	Lieut. E.B. Nelson	Lieut. M. Sheehan	Lieut. L. Garson	Lieut. L.J. Primrose	Lieut. R.G. Francis	Lieut. W.F. Herbert	Lieut. T.F. Turner	Lieut. P.A. McBain	Lieut. G.H. Kindred	Lieut. L. King	Lieut. B. Weaver	Lieut. C.R. Burton	Lieut. N. Clarke	Lieut. R.G. Clarke	Lieut. A.W. Tyers	Lieut. E.A. Phillips	Lieut. A.F.G. Stafford	Lieut. N.B. Love	Lieut. G.T. Wilcox	Lieut. Z. Freadman	Lieut. O.J. Jones	Lieut. N.C. Johnson	Lieut. T. Hewson	
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Plymouth England	1917 March 27		<p>No. 71 Squadron (original designation in Australia No. 4) disembarked with 24 Officers and 231 other ranks as personnel of Squadron and accompanied by 2 Officers and 21 other ranks reinforcements. Squadron commanded by Capt. A. Lang.</p> <p>Squadron proceeded to A.I.F. Depot Camp, Perham Downs to await instructions as to destination.</p> <p>NOTE:- Nothing to note on other dates of this month.</p>	