

## APPENDIX No. 3.

### WAR FLYING INSTRUCTION IN AUSTRALIA.

Pilots and mechanics for the Australian Flying Corps were drawn from all military districts of the Commonwealth. While in training at Point Cook, they were regarded as on probation, and any who were found to be technically unsuitable for the work were transferred. At Point Cook all ranks received as much training as the time prior to embarkation would permit.

Eight courses of flying instruction were held there:—

First course, August–November, 1914—four officers attended; all qualified as pilots.

Second course, March–June, 1915—eight officers attended; all qualified.

Third course, began August, 1915—eight officers attended; included also advanced course of two months for four officers who had previously qualified.

Fourth course, began March, 1916—eight officers attended; all qualified.

Fifth course, began August, 1916—sixteen officers attended; four sent away as unsuitable, twelve sent to No. 2 Squadron (then being formed) before completion of course.

Sixth course, began November, 1916—twenty-four officers attended and were transferred to No. 4 Squadron (then being formed) before completion of course.

Seventh course, began February, 1917—twenty-four officers and seven non-commissioned officers (A.F.C.) attended; thirteen qualified. Owing to bad weather and lack of instructional machines, work was seriously handicapped.

Eighth course, began June, 1917—eight officers and nine non-commissioned officers (A.F.C.) attended.