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		X	<u>FOREWORD.</u>	
			No.9.Squadron,Royal Naval Air Service formed in FRANCE 25.10.16.equipped with SOPWITH 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Strutters, SOPWITH PUPS and NISUPPORT SCOUTS, under command of Squadron Commander G.R.BROMET.	
			Squadron carried out first offensive patrol 3.11.16.	
			In DECEMBER 1916 squadron was equipped throughout with SOPWITH PUPS.	
			Re-equipped with SOPWITH Triplanes in MARCH 1917.	
			July 1917 Squadron re-equipped with SOPWITH CAMELS.	
			In OCTOBER 1917 Flight Commander C DRAPER was appointed acting Squadron Commander.	
			Squadron returned to ENGLAND in FEBRUARY 1918 for refitting, and returned to FRANCE in MARCH 1918.	
			On 1st.APRIL 1918 the squadron was designated No.208 Squadron,Royal Air Force.	
			In DECEMBER 1918 Major DRAPER relinquished command and MAJOR SMART was appointed in his stead.	
			The Squadron returned to ENGLAND in AUGUST 1918 and was disbanded in NOVEMBER 1919.	
			Later, on the decision that 208 should be one of the numbers allotted to permanent squadrons of the Royal Air Force, No.113 Squadron stationed at ISMAILIA was on FEBRUARY 1st.1920 redesignated No.208 Squadron,Royal Air Force.	

			The Squadron was commanded by Squadron Leader W.J.Y.GULLFOYLE.OBE.,M.C., and was equipped with R.E.8.aircraft.	

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			<p>Squadron re-equipped with BRISTOL FIGHTERS OCTOBER 1920.</p> <p>Squadron Leader A. SPALLS assumed command early in 1922.</p> <p>16.9.22. Orders issued for Squadron to mobilize.</p> <p>25.9.22. Unit embarked at ALEXANDRIA in S.S. "RODESTA" for operations in TURKEY.</p> <p>30.9.22. The Squadron arrived at CONSTANTINOPLE and entrained for SAN STEFANO. (Eastern Thrace) absorbed in the R.A.F. in TURKEY commanded by Group Captain P.F.M. FELLOWES DSO.,</p> <p>Aircraft were assembled and tested and on October 5th, 7th, and 10th, formation flights were made over CONSTANTINOPLE.</p> <p>On 7.10.22 the following letter was received from Group Captain P.F.M. FELLOWES DSO. :-</p> <p>"Will you please convey to the Officers and Airmen of your Squadron my strong appreciation of the splendid way they have put their backs into their work. By a whole hearted interest in their work they have established a very fine record.</p> <p>This achievement is only possible to a Squadron, each man of whom realises that upon he himself rests the success or failure of the Squadron.</p> <p>POB have proved they own this spirit. The Squadron is the spear point in war, the Stores Depot and Headquarters are the shaft and tower respectively.</p> <p>I guarantee they will try and do their humble part of the helpers and organisers, standing behind to the best of their ability, and you have done yours."</p> <p>19.12.22. The following Special Order of the Day was received from the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief.</p>	

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			<p>"In wishing a happy Xmas and New Year to all ranks of The British Forces in TURKEY, I should like to take this opportunity of thanking them for their loyal support, especially through the last few anxious months.</p> <p>The British Forces in TURKEY have been called upon to play a very difficult part, requiring the highest soldierlike qualities of discipline and self restraint. I am well aware of the difficulties of the weather, lack of accommodation, and discomfort, which have had to be faced, and of the great efforts which have been made to meet them, and of the cheerful way in which the troops have accepted the situation. Throughout all this, all ranks have shown that splendid spirit for which they are famous, at one moment ready for any eventuality at another extending the utmost kindness and sympathy to refugees in distress.</p> <p>Now that the clouds are happily lifting, it is hoped that the Lausanne Conference will achieve a successful result which will lead to peace and prosperity in the Near East.</p> <p>My one desire will be, as soon as our task is finished, to get troops back to their peace stations, and the married ones back to their wives and families, and I only regret that this was not possible by Christmas.</p> <p>Our experience here during this period is one which we shall always remember not only for the part we have played in the History of the Near East, but also for the exceptional opportunity we have had</p>	

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			<p>of establishing real co-operation and friendship with our comrades of the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force, to whom we are very grateful.</p> <p>Wishing you all every good wish for Christmas and the New Year.</p> <p>(Signed) C.H.HARRINGTON, Lieutenant General, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, The Allied Forces of Occupation.(TURKEY).</p>	
			<p>21.12.22. The following Special Order of the Day was received from the Group Captain Commanding Royal Air Force CONSTANTINOPLE.</p> <p>"In drawing attention to the Special Order of the Day issued by our Commander-in-Chief, and circulated to all R.A.F.Units yesterday, I would thank all ranks for their assistance in creating the present cordial relations which exist between the British Navy, Army and Air Force, and also with the French Aviation Service.</p> <p>I can also say, without fear of contradiction that the behaviour of the Royal Air Force in the CONSTANTINOPLE SING has to say the least of it, fully maintained the prestige of the Air Force as a whole.</p> <p>For this I thank you, and wish you a Happy Christmas, and all good fortune in the New Year".</p> <p>(Signed) P.F.M.FELLOWES, Group Captain, Commanding Royal Air Force, CONSTANTINOPLE.</p>	
			<p>On the 2nd February 1923 the Commander-in-Chief visited the aerodrome and inspected all Squadrons. Lieutenant General Sir Charles H HARRINGTON, GBE., KCB., DSO., spoke to all Officers and many other Ranks and subsequently addressed the parade.</p> <p>A flying display was carried out afterwards in which the Squadron took part.</p>	

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			<p>On 6.3.23. an Air Display was held at SAN STEFANO. Sir Horace RUMBOLD PC., KCMG., MVO., High Commissioner and Admiral Sir O de BROCK Commander-in-Chief of the MEDITERRANEAN FLEET were present.</p> <p>On 30th. and 31st. March 1923 Air escorts were provided for Lieutenant General Sir Charles HARRINGTON KCB., CMG., DSO., and Major General A.A. SCHARDY CB., CMG., DSO., on their departure for United Kingdom.</p> <p>12.4.23. The acting Commander-in-Chief Major General T.O. GARDEN, CB., DSO., inspected the Royal Air Force Station at SANSTEFANO. After the inspection the Squadron put up a formation over CONSTANTINOPLE. The Commander-in-Chief was carried as passenger in one aircraft.</p> <p>1.6.23. Air Vice Marshal Sir E.D. ELLINGTON KCB., CMG., CBE., and staff were flown to KILIA.</p> <p>Squadron Leader A. ap ELLIS was promoted to Wing Commander on 30.6.23.</p> <p>28.7.23. H.M.S. "WATERWITCH" a commandeered Bosphorus ferryboat was lent to the Squadron by the Military Landing Officer at CONSTANTINOPLE.</p> <p>The Squadron, 120 strong and nearly all Officers on strength and guests embarked at 1030 hours and went for a trip up the BOSPHORUS to the BLACK SEA, returning and anchoring at PRINKIPO for bathing parties to go ashore.</p> <p>The "WATERWITCH" was cruised slowly past the TURKISH Battleship "GOEBEN". Lunches and teas were served on board, and a string band and the drums of the 1st. Battalion, IRISH GUARDS played during the day.</p> <p>August 11th. 1923. The Squadron took part in the Air Display. The Royal Navy and Army Officers and other ranks turned up in large numbers - five marquees were erected for refreshments and "C" Flight Messoneau Hanger was used for</p>	

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			<p>the Officers' buffet.</p> <p>Lieutenant General Sir Charles B. HARRINGTON KCB., DSO., and Lady HARRINGTON were among those present.</p> <p>23rd. August 1923. Peace ratified at ANGORA.</p> <p>24th. August 1923. Orders for the Royal Air Force to evacuate TURKEY received.</p> <p>The work of dismantling hangars and packing stores commenced.</p> <p>2nd. September 1923. All aircraft despatched to CONSTANTINOPLE by rail and shipped in the S.S. "KHARTOUM". Transport and stores shipped in the S.S. "WINNOW".</p> <p>5th. September 1923. S.S. "KHARTOUM" and "WINNOW" sailed for EGYPT. On arrival at ALEXANDRIA the transport and stores were despatched to ISMAILIA. The aircraft were railed to ASOUKIR where they were assembled, tested and flown to ISMAILIA.</p> <p>Squadron Leader A.C. WINTER assumed command in October 1923.</p> <p>Squadron Leader R.M. PROBYN DSO., took over the command in January 1924.</p> <p>Squadron Leader A.S.C. MACLAREN OBE., MC., DFC., AFC., took over command in November 1925 and was invalided to the United Kingdom in November 1926.</p> <p>Flight Lieutenant J.H. GREEN had temporary command from November 1926 to February 1927.</p>	

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MOASCAR CAMP ISMAILIA	1927 Mar 14 th	-	<p><u>1. CHANGE OF COMMAND.</u></p> <p>Squadron Leader V.S. E. Lindop was posted from Home Establishment to command No 208 (A.C.) Sqn with effect from 26-2-27 and arrived in Egypt on 12-3-27 and took over command from Flight Lieutenant J. H. Green on 14-3-27</p>		
HELIOPOLIS	Mar 31 st	-	<p><u>2. AERIAL DEMONSTRATION.</u></p> <p>Four aeroplanes of the Squadron flew to Heliopolis on 31-3-27 and carried out an aerial demonstration which included a low-bombing attack on a Tank on the Heliopolis Race Course, on the occasion of the Command Military Police Sports.</p>		
CAIRO	May 11 th - 14 th	-	<p><u>3. SEARCHLIGHT ARMY TATTOO.</u></p> <p>Four aeroplanes of the Squadron took part in the Annual Military Searchlight Tattoo at Gezira, Cairo, on the nights of May 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th.</p> <p>One aeroplane piloted by Flt Lieut H. L. Rough DFC carried out a series of aerobatics each night while three aeroplanes piloted by Flt O R. Duncanson, Flt O R. Legg and Flt O H. E. Power respectively, carried out a bombing attack nightly in cooperation with the Army Units.</p>		

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ISMAILIA	1927 June 14	-	<p>4) <u>ROYAL ESCORT.</u></p> <p>On the occasion of the passage through the Suez Canal of Group Capt His ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF YORK, K.G. K.T. G.C.M.G. G.C.V.O. on Tuesday 14 June 1927, five aeroplanes of the Squadron piloted by Flight Lieut H.L. Rough D.F.C. F/O R. Duncanson, F/O S. Legg, F/O H.E. Power and F/O A.V. Hammond, flew in formation and met H.M.S. 'RENOUN' in the Suez Canal before entering Lake Timsah. The formation dived in salute and circled twice before returning to Ismailia.</p>	
HELIOPOLIS	Oct 27	-	<p>5) <u>CHANGE OF STATION.</u></p> <p>The Squadron moved from Ismailia to Heliopolis - its new station - on 27-10-27. The move was carried out by road and by air as follows:-</p> <p>By air on 26th Oct - 5 Officers and 5 Aviators - - - on 27th - 7 - - - and 7 - - By Road on 27th - 5 - - - and 83 - - -</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Total 17 Officers and 95 Aviators</p> <p>The Officers were accommodated in the Mess of 216 (B) Sqdn and the Aviators took over the Huts recently vacated by P.45 (B) Squadron on their move to Helwan.</p>	

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			b) <u>R.A.F. DISPLAY.</u>	
HELIOPOLIS	1928 Feb 16		<p>An Air Display by the Royal Air Force in Egypt was held at Heliopolis on 16-2-28.</p> <p>The following officers and aircraft of the Squadron took part.</p> <p><u>Event 2. Message Picking Up.</u> Two aircraft piloted by Flight Lieut J.C.P.A. Johnson and Flying Officer D.V. Irwin gave a display of Message Picking Up.</p> <p><u>Event 7. Low Bombing of Tank.</u> Three aircraft piloted by F/O G.N.J. Stanley-Turner, F/O A.D. Billmore and F/O J.V. Hammond carried out a converging low bombing attack on a tank.</p> <p><u>Event 9. Set Piece.</u> Two aircraft piloted by F/Lieut A.H. Flower and F/O H.S. Power took part in the Set Piece which included an air attack on a desert fort. Both aircraft then laid a smoke screen masking the landing and displacement of the attacking troops of the Norfolk Regt, from the three Vickers Victoria aircraft of No 216 (B) Squadron.</p>	

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HELIOPOLIS	1928 Feb	-	<p>7) <u>CHANGE OF EQUIPMENT-</u></p> <p>The re-equipping of the Squadron with Morris 6-wheeled Vehicles in replacement of Heavy Leyland 3 Ton Lorries and Light Crossley 30 cwt Tenders commenced during the last-week of February when 8 Morris Six-wheelers were received.</p>	
HELIOPOLIS	May 11 th		<p>8) <u>ANNUAL INSPECTION BY AIR OFFICER COMMANDING-</u></p> <p>The annual inspection of the Squadron was carried out on May 11th by Air Vice Marshal F. D. Webb-Bowen C.B. C.M.G. and Officers of the Headquarter Staff.</p> <p>The following extracts from his report to the Secretary Air Ministry London are recorded.</p> <p>"The Turn out of No 208 (A.C.) Squadron was excellent. The drill seen was up to standard and the handling of arms very good. The Hangars are very old and dilapidated but clean and well kept. The barracks are clean and in good order. The Corporals Room is clean and well run. The diirmen's institute is well patronised and properly run.</p> <p>No 208 Squadron is in very good order and has earned high praises from the General Officer Commanding, British Troops in Egypt this training season. The move from Amascara to Helio polis has had most excellent results and a very close liaison between the Army Units at Abbassia and No 208 Squadron now exists."</p>	

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HELIOPOLIS	1928 July 20	-	<p>9. <u>TEMPORARY CHANGE OF COMMAND.</u></p> <p>Squadron Leader J. H. Green assumed temporary command of the Squadron during the absence of Squadron Leader V. S. Lindop on leave ex Egypt from July 20th to Oct 16th.</p>	
ISMAILIA	Sept 14		<p>10. <u>ROYAL ESCORT.</u></p> <p>Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Gloucester arrived at Alexandria on the P & O S.S. Kaiser-i-Hind on 11-9-28. After a short stay in Alexandria, they arrived at Cairo on 13-9-28. Their Royal Highnesses left Cairo the following morning for Ismailia. Before leaving Ismailia for Port Sudan on the S.S. Maida, seven aircraft of the Squadron in conjunction with aircraft of No 45 (B) Sqdn No 4 F.T.S and No 216 (B) Sqdn, circled the S.S. Maida in clockwise circuits of a mile radius from the ship.</p>	
HELIOPOLIS	Sep 29	-	<p>11. <u>SEARCH FOR LOST SHOOTING PARTY IN THE WESTERN DESERT.</u></p> <p>Information was received on the evening of the 29-9-28 that a shooting party consisting of Ibrahim el Fuad Bey, an official of the King's Household, M. Emis Christiani, Chief of the Association Internationale D'assistance Publique d'Egypte, a chauffeur and</p>	

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	1928		<p>an Arab guide had been lost in the Western Desert for 24 hours. This party had intended returning the same day and carried no food or water.</p> <p>At dawn on the 30th Sept, a seven hour search of an area 70 miles West of the Pyramids was carried out by a Vickers Victoria of No 216 (S) Sqdn without success.</p> <p>The following day the search was continued over an extended area in conjunction with aircraft of No 208 (A) Squadron.</p> <p>The search was continued on the 2nd - 3rd and 4th October, but no trace of the party could be found.</p> <p>On the morning of Oct 5th, a Vickers-Victoria (Pilots - Sgt Melville and Flt Sofiano) searched the district around Fayoum. While over Quartet-el-Bekemeh, a man was observed waving what appeared to be a flag. The pilot immediately landed and two men, both semi-nude, and in a state of collapse, were then observed walking towards the aircraft.</p> <p>After finding the third member of the party completely exhausted in a nearby cave, the whole party was conveyed to Heliopolis by air where they received medical attention.</p> <p>12. <u>INSPECTION OF SQUADRON BY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR AIR.</u></p>	
HELIOPOLIS	Oct 5 th	-	<p>Sir Philip A. G. D. Sassoon Bart CBE CMG M.P Under Secretary of State for Air accompanied by Air Commodore A. M. Longmore C.B. DSO. Director of Equipment, Air Ministry, arrived at Aboukir on 2-10-28,</p>	

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	<u>1928</u>		<p>from ATHENS in a Blackburn 'IRIS' Flying Boat, and were conveyed the same day to HELIOPOLIS by Fairey III F. aircraft.</p> <p>The Under Secretary of State inspected No 208 (A.C.) Sqn on Oct 3rd and also No 216 (B) Sqn and Station H.Q., and left the following day by air for KHARTOUM.</p>	
			<p>13. <u>KING FUAD'S TOUR OF WESTERN DESERT</u></p>	
WESTERN DESERT	Oct 11 th		<p>A W/T Tender fitted and operated by personnel of the Squadron accompanied His Majesty King Fuad on his Western Desert Tour from Oct 11th to 22nd.</p>	
			<p>14. <u>INTER-AIRCRAFT W/T TEST</u></p>	
HELIOPOLIS	Nov	-	<p>An inter-aircraft W/T Test produced each way communication for 36 miles.</p>	
			<p>15. <u>LORD LLOYD RELIABILITY COMPETITION</u></p>	
HELIOPOLIS	Nov	-	<p>Twelve aircraft competed in the Lloyd Reliability Competition on Nov 13th, 14th, 15th & 16th. One aircraft forced landed after leaving ASSUIT the first day. The remaining eleven completed the course. The total mileage flown by all aircraft in the four days was 15,120 miles. The competition</p>	

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	<u>1928</u>		<p>was won by No 14 (B) Sqdn with a total of 110 marks. No 216 (G) Sqdn was second with 105 marks and No 208 (Ac) Sqdn third with 103 marks.</p> <p>16. <u>TOTAL FLYING TIMES FOR 1928.</u></p> <p>The following hours were flown by officers in the Squadron during the year:-</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Hours - Minutes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>As Pilot -</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3312 - 15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>As Passenger -</td> <td style="text-align: center;">128 - 45</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Total</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>3441 - 0</u></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><u><u>= 1929 =</u></u></p>		Hours - Minutes	As Pilot -	3312 - 15	As Passenger -	128 - 45	<u>Total</u>	<u>3441 - 0</u>	
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HELIOPOLIS	Dec	-	<p>17. <u>R. A. F. DISPLAY.</u></p> <p>The annual Air Display by the R. A. F. in Egypt was held at HELIOPOLIS on Feb 7.</p> <p>The following officers and aircraft of the Squadron took part:-</p> <p><u>Event 2. Message Picking up and Supply Dropping.</u></p> <p>Two Bristol Fighter aircraft piloted by Flight Lieut</p>									
	<u>1929</u>											
HELIOPOLIS	Feb 7	-										

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Two Bristol Fighter Aircraft piloted by Flight Lieut

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Place.	Date.	Time.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
	1929		<p>J.C.E.A. JOHNSON and F/O J.N. BERKELEY-MILLER demonstrated the method of picking up messages from the ground, and in response to the messages picked up, supplies were dropped by parachutes - four parachutes being released.</p> <p>Event No. <u>Attack upon a Camp and moving Tanks.</u></p> <p>Three aircraft piloted by F/O G.N.J. STANLEY-TURNER, F/O A.V. HAMMOND and F/O A.V. GILLMORE carried out an aerial attack on an enemy encampment with incendiary bombs, and then carried out a converging low bombing attack on a tank.</p> <p>Event No. <u>Air Drill by Radio-Telephony in the Air.</u></p> <p>Four aircraft piloted by F/Lieut R.H.S. STRAIGHT, F/O H.E. POWER, F/O D.V. IVINS and F/O A.A. KOCH performed a series of evolutions on orders issued by radio telephony from the Flight Commander about half a mile distant from his flight. On completion, F/O D.V. IVINS carried out aerobatics on orders by Radio-Telephony issued from the ground.</p> <p>Event No. <u>Set Piece.</u></p> <p>Four aircraft piloted by F/Lieut J.C.E.A.</p>	

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	<u>1929</u>		<p>JOHNSON, F/O J.N. BERKELEY-MILLER, F/O D.S. KING and F/O A.K. CALWELL took part in the Set piece which included photographing an enemy fort from 3000 feet, in the course of which one of the aircraft is shot down.</p> <p>To cover the landing of the assistance aircraft despatched by H.Q. on receipt of message by R/T from F/Comdr, and to screen them from the fire of the fort, three of the Bristol Fighter aircraft laid a smoke screen in succession.</p>																																				
			(B) <u>Army Co-operation Nov 1929 - Mar 15 1929.</u>																																				
HELIOPOLIS	Nov-Mar.		<p>The following Hours were flown in Army Cooperation Work during the last Training Season, which is a great increase on the hours flown last year (1927-28).</p> <p>At the summing up at the final conference on the last day of Command Manoeuvres, the General Officer Commanding British Troops in Egypt (Lt Gen Sir Peter Strickland KCB) expressed himself highly pleased with the work of the Squadron.</p>																																				
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Place.	Date.	Time.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
	1929		19. Annual Inspection by Air Officer Commanding Middle East.	
HELIOPOLIS	Mar 26		<p>The Annual inspection of the Squadron was carried out on Mar 26 by the Air Officer Commanding Middle East (Air Vice Marshal T. J. Webb-Bowen C.B. C.M.G.).</p> <p>The following are extracts from the report submitted to the Air Ministry.</p> <p>" On 26 March 1929, I inspected No 208 (A.C.) Squadron. The Unit was seen on parade under Squadron Leader U.S.E. Lindop. The general turn out was good and the men were very well dressed. Arms and equipment were clean and in good order. The drill and marching was very good. The Hangars are clean and well kept. The Ammunition is very well run and adequately protected. The Dining Room is adequate and clean. The Kitchen though small is well run and efficient. All very clean and free of flies. The Photographic Shop is well run and produces good work.</p> <p>No 208 Squadron is very well run and highly efficient. The General Officer Commanding British Troops in Egypt after Manoeuvres expressed himself as highly pleased with the Squadron's work. A very close liaison exists with the Troops at Abbessia. Squadron Leader Lindop has worked hard to his end and has achieved a great success."</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Time.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
	1929		20. <u>Air Display - Military Police Sports.</u>	
HELIOPOLIS	April 3 rd		Three aircraft piloted by F/O C.H. NOBLE, F/O A.D. GILLMORE and F/O A.V. HAMMOND gave an air display of bombing a moving tank on the HELIOPOLIS Race Course on the occasion of the Command Military Police Sports on April 3 rd	
			21. <u>LORD LLOYD RELIABILITY COMPETITION - (Summer Course)</u>	
HELIOPOLIS	May 22 nd - 25 th		Eight aircraft competed over the Summer Course in this Competition on May 22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th & 25 th . One aircraft caught fire while refuelling at HELWAN on May 22 nd and was completely destroyed. The Fitter - N357463 R.A.C. Mills - was badly burnt and admitted to Hospital where he is slowly recovering. The cause of the outbreak is unknown. The remaining seven aircraft completed the course. The total mileage flown by all aircraft was 8843 Miles.	
			22. <u>SERIOUS DISTURBANCES in PALESTINE between JEWS and ARABS.</u>	
HELIOPOLIS & RAMLEH	Sept 17.		As a result of the serious fighting over Palestine between Jews and Arabs at the end of August 1929, a Composite Flight of the Squadron was despatched to RAMLEH as reinforcements. The Flight was commanded by Flt Lieut J.J. Lloyd-Williams M.C. and included F/O C.H. Noble, F/O A. Koch and F/O P.W. Dudgeon	

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			<p>The Four aircraft left HELIOPOLIS at 1330 Hours and the remainder of the Flight Personnel consisting of 18 airmen and 2 Morris Six wheelers complete with one months stores left by the 1800 hrs train for RAMLEH.</p> <p>The Flight was detached at RAMLEH till Oct 11th when it returned to HELIOPOLIS, being relieved by B Flight of this Unit.</p> <p>During the time at RAMLEH from 7/19/29 to 11/10/29, 162 flights were made involving 208 hrs 25 min flying. The work consisted in daily reconnaissances over the disturbed areas and taking air action against those seen burning or plundering villages.</p> <p>B Flight under the command of Flt Lt A.H. Flower and including Flt C.O. Noble (who remained at Ramleh) Flt N.C. DEBERT, Flt A.V. HAMMOND remained at RAMLEH on similar operations till Nov 18th when the Flight returned to HELIOPOLIS</p>	
			<p><u>24. LORD LLOYD RELIABILITY COMPETITION (Winter Course).</u></p>	
HELIOPOLIS	Nov 25 - 28 th	1030	<p>Twelve aircraft (the maximum permissible) took part in the Winter Tests and all 12 complete the course successfully. The Trials lasted 4 days. The total mileage flown by all aircraft in the 4 days was 18,696 miles.</p> <p>The Competition, which included Summer & Winter Course was won by No 216 (15) Sqn with 209 marks, No 208 (A.C.) Sqn was second with 200 marks & No 45 (15) Sqn 3rd with 198 1/4 marks.</p>	16

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Place.	Date.	Time.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.										
HELIOPOLIS	1930 Mar 31	25)	<p><u>R.A.F. DISPLAY - EGYPT.</u></p> <p>The Annual Air Display by the R.A.F. in EGYPT took place at HELIOPOLIS on March 31st. The following Officers took part.</p> <p><u>Event No 1. Landing Competition.</u> F/O. A.K.K. CALWELL.</p> <p><u>Event No 5. Converging Attack on Moving Tank.</u> F/O A.V. HAMMOND, F/O K.C. DDBERT and F/O P.W.A. DUDGEON.</p> <p><u>Event No 8. Air Drill by R/T.</u> Flt Lt R.H.S. SPAIGHT - F/O C.S. CADELL. F/O A.A. KOCH - F/O B.W. FIGGINS.</p> <p><u>Event No 10. Fly Past by Squadrons.</u> Nine Aircraft of the Squadron in formation led by Flt Lt A.H. FLOWER.</p>											
HELIOPOLIS		26)	<p><u>FLYING TIMES for 1929/1930.</u></p> <p>The following Hours were flown by the Squadron during the Training Year Apr 1st 1929 to Mar 31st 1930.</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td></td> <td>hrs - min</td> </tr> <tr> <td>As Pilot</td> <td>= 3934 - 25 - By Day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>As Pilot</td> <td>= 94 - 25 - By Night</td> </tr> <tr> <td>As Passenger</td> <td>= 123 - 55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>4152 - 45</td> </tr> </table>		hrs - min	As Pilot	= 3934 - 25 - By Day	As Pilot	= 94 - 25 - By Night	As Passenger	= 123 - 55	Total	4152 - 45	
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Place.	Date.	Time.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
HELIOPOLIS POLYGON MADASCAR ALEXANDRIA HELWAN MENA ES-SAFF EL-SHURABA	1930	27)	<p><u>ARMY COOPERATION - Nov 1929 - Mar 1930.</u></p> <p>The following hours were flown during Army Cooperation Training:-</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Unit Training = Hrs 347 Min 15 Artillery Cooperation = " 67 " 50 Collective & Brigade Training = " 352 " 50 Command Manoeuvres = " 88 " 35</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>Total = Hrs 856 Min 30</u></p> <p><u>Summary of Flying Times during the last 4 years.</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><u>Training Year - Hours flown</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;">1926 - 1927 - 155 Hrs 10 Min 1927 - 1928 - 331 " 35 " 1928 - 1929 - 752 " 45 " 1929 - 1930 - 856 " 30</p> <p>At the conclusion of the Command Manoeuvres March 1930 the following letter was received from Headquarters Middle East - CAIRO. Middle East Letter ME/121/1/Rin dated 24 March 1930</p>	

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Place.	Date.	Time.	Summary of Events.	References to Appendices.
	1930		<p>"The following extract from a letter received from Lt General Sir E. Peter Strickland K.C.B. K.B.E. C.M.G. - D.S.O is forwarded for your information. The contents should be made known to those concerned in the Squadron. The liaison which exists between your Squadron and the Army in Egypt is appreciated.</p> <p>"I think you will agree that the past year has seen a definite step forward in the cooperation between the air and the ground. This, I think, is in no small measure, due to the close personal touch which has been established between R.A.F. and Army personnel, both as regards officers and other ranks.</p> <p>The increase of the number of hours flown in the course of Army Cooperation work from 150 hours, as it was some three years ago, to 700 hours as it will be this year, so I understand from Air Commodore Board, is most gratifying.</p> <p>In particular, I should like to place on record my appreciation of the unfailing assistance given by Sqd Ldr V.S.G. Lindop, and the officers and men of No 208 (A.C.) Sqd R.A.F. The generous way in which our demands have always been met has, I feel certain, been instrumental in producing the high standard of air cooperation which, I feel, now exists throughout all units under my Command.</p> <p>I trust you will see your way to inform them of the appreciation of the Army units for their most cordial cooperation."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sd F. R. Scarlett Air Vice Marshal Air Officer Commanding Royal Air Force - EGYPT.</p>	

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HELIOPOLIS	Apr 9 th	1930	<p>28) <u>Air Display - Military Police Sports -</u></p> <p>Three Aircraft piloted by F/O A.V. HAMMOND, F/O C.S. CADELL and F/O N.C. ODBERT carried out a low bombing attack on a moving tank on the occasion of the Command Military Police Sports held on the Race Course HELIOPOLIS on April 9th.</p>	
			<p>29) <u>SQUADRON CREST and MOTTO.</u></p> <p>A Squadron Crest was designed by Squadron Leader V.S.E. LINDOP and reproduced in Colour by Messrs Steiner & Co, 34 old Bond ST London W.I. The Crest is represented by an Eagle - (the symbolical bird of the Royal Air Force) with outstretched wings, gripping an Anchor - the emblem of the Royal Navy to which Service the Squadron is connected through No 8 Sq - Royal Naval Air Service from which Squadron, No 208 (Ac) Squadron traces its origin and descent.</p> <p>The Motto "VIS. UNITA. FORTIOR." meaning "UNITED STRENGTH IS STRONGER" refers to Army Cooperation and the United Strength of both services.</p>	
			<p>30) <u>CHANGE OF COMMAND -</u></p> <p>Sqdn Ldr V.S.E. LINDOP relinquished Command of the Squadron (after 3 years) on appointment to Headquarters, R.A.F. JERUSALEM - PALESTINE and TRANSJORDANIA, for Staff Duty.</p>	

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Helioopolis.	1930 April.	(30) cont.	Squadron Leader M. MOORE OBE. psc assumed Command of the Squadron on April 14 th , 1930. <u>Reequipment of Squadron.</u>	
"	May	(31)	The Squadron was reequipped with ATLAS aircraft. (Taqur Ilc)	
"	July	(32)	<u>Squadron Crest and Motto.</u> It was decided by the Officers of the Squadron that the crest and motto described in para. (29) overleaf were unsuitable for the Squadron and that they should not be adopted. Another design was approved, but it was decided to leave its adoption in abeyance for the time being.	
"	Sept.	(33)	<u>Visit to BAGHDAD.</u> 4 aircraft of "C" Flight under Flt. Lt. J. J. LLOYD-WILLIAMS MC visited BAGHDAD, leaving HELIOPOULIS on 19 th Sept and returning later on 25 th Sept.	
"	Oct.	(34)	<u>Detached Flight Training.</u> "C" Flight was detached at WADI NATRUN from 20 th Oct. to 5 th Nov. Three aircraft formed the operational strength of the flight (under Flt. J. J. Lloyd-Williams) whilst the fourth aircraft was employed to convey daily to the flight from HELIOPOULIS the provisions, rations, spares, etc. In the course of training the flight established an advanced landing ground at MOGHARA and made a reconnaissance to SIWA. The latter was made possible by the cooperation of	

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Heliopolis.	1930 October	(34) cont.	a Vickers Victoria aircraft of No 206 (A) Squadron, Heliopolis, which conveyed to SIWA the same day the fuel and oil necessary for the return journey to M.O.G.H.A.R.A.	
..	1931 Feb.	(35)	<u>R.A.F. Display (Egypt)</u> At the annual display held on 20th February the Squadron carried out covering bombing of a tank (P/Os Spaight, P/Os Figgins, Carter, de Crespigny and Dudgeon) balloon bursting (S/L Moore and P/O Odell) and flypast in Squadron formation (9 aircraft) led by S/L Moore.	
..	March	(36)	<u>Inter-unit Football Championship</u> The Squadron won the R.A.F. Middle East Inter-unit Football Cup on 7th March. (Season 1930/31)	
..	March	(37)	<u>Station Athletic Championship.</u> The Squadron won the Heliopolis Station annual athletic championship for the second year running.	
..	March	(38)	<u>Command Musketry Cup.</u> The Squadron won the Middle East Command Musketry ^{and Pistol} Cup for the year 1930/31.	
..		(39)	<u>Flying Times for Year 1930/31.</u> In the year ending 31st March 1931 pilots flew :-	

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Heliopolis.	1931.	(39) cont.	<p>(a) <u>As pilot</u> By day 4422 hrs 30 min. By night 205 hrs 50 min. <u>4628 hrs 20 min</u></p> <p>(b) <u>As passenger</u> 42 hrs 55 min.</p> <p>(c) <u>On active cooperation with the Army in Egypt.</u> 804 hours. [This is included in the figures at (a) above].</p>	
Heliopolis	(Nov. 1930) March 1931.	39A.	<p><u>A.O.C's Annual Inspection and Report.</u> The Air Officer Commanding, R.S.F. Heliopolis East reported on the Squadron to His Majesty as follows:- (Report dated 27.3.31) 1. "I inspected No. 208 (A.C.) Squadron on the 25th Nov. 1930. The unit was seen on parade under Squadron Leader M. Moore, O.B.E. as part of the Heliopolis Station parade. The turn-out and handling of arms was exceptionally good. 2. Careful attention has been paid to the Training Programme, with very satisfactory results. 3. Credit is due to the Unit for the highly satisfactory state of its sanitation. 4. Credit is due to all concerned for the excellence of the interior economy of the Unit. 5. The general standard of efficiency, discipline and readiness for war of this Unit is very satisfactory." (Signed) F.R. Scarlett, Air Vice Marshal.</p>	
Abbassia	Aug 1931 1931.	40.	<p><u>Cricket Challenge Cup.</u> The Squadron won the Egypt Command Small Units Cricket Challenge Cup for the season 1931, beating in the final match, HQ. Wing, 2nd Bn. The South Staffordshire Regt by an innings and 213 runs. F/O. R. Harston made 245 runs, Not Out.</p>	

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Heliofolis	1931. May. July October	41.	<u>Temporary Change of Command.</u> 1st Lieut. A. H. Flower assumed Command of the Squadron 1st-31st May 1931 during the absence on Trade Test Board duties of S/Lt Moore, O.B.E. from from 7th July - 27th October 1931 during the absence of S/Lt Moore on leave.	
"	Aug 5th	42.	<u>Flying Casualty.</u> 1st Lieut. A. R. Jones and 365752 L.A.C. Henry, E.G.C. were killed in a flying accident at Hmaga aerodrome, Heliofolis.	
Ismailia	Oct. 1st	43.	<u>Flying Casualty.</u> Flying Officer F. E. Athott and Lt. Col. P. S. Rowan, Comd 1st Bn. The Buffs were killed in a flying accident at Ismailia aerodrome.	
Mena	1932 Jan 12.	44.	<u>Flying Casualty.</u> 1st Lieut. F. J. O'Doherty and 355992 A.C.I. O'Mahoney, D.T.M. were killed in a flying accident near the Mena Pyramids.	
Heliofolis	Jan. 16.	45	<u>Inter Unit Football Championship</u> The Squadron won for the second successive year (1931-32) the R.A.F. Middle East Association Football Cup, beating HQ. Palestine and Transjordan in the final match by three goals to one.	
Heliofolis	Feb. 12	46.	<u>R.A.F. Display (Egypt).</u> At the annual R.A.F. Display held at Heliofolis, the Squadron took part in	

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Helioptis	Feb. 12.	46 (cont)	<p>The following:-</p> <p><u>Message Picking Up in Flight Formation.</u> [29 messages successfully picked up out of 30 put out.]</p> <p><u>Conveying Bombing Attack on a Moving Tank.</u></p> <p><u>Flight and Conveying Attacks in Set Piece.</u></p> <p><u>Squadron Fly-Past.</u></p>	<p>"B" Flight (F/Lt Flower, F.O. Odhart and F.O. Balfour)</p> <p>"C" Flight (F/Lt. Hammond, F.O. Harston and F.O. Lovelock).</p> <p>"A" Flight (F/Lt Edwards, Tnes, F.O. Figgins and F.O. Judgen)</p> <p>"B" + "C" Flights (as above, but led by S/L Moore in place of P/Lt Hammond)</p> <p>9 aircraft (led by S/L Moore)</p>												
Helioptis	Feb. 22	(47)	<p><u>Search for Lost Aircraft (Avro)</u></p> <p>On 22nd February 6 aircraft of the Squadron searched for an overdue AVRO aircraft flying from RAMELTH to HELIOPTIS. The Avro aircraft was eventually found by another unit outside the Squadron's area of search.</p>													
Helioptis	March 10.	(48)	<p><u>Station Athletic Championship</u></p> <p>The Squadron won the Helioptis Station Athletic Sports Championship for the third successive year.</p>													
	March 31.	(49)	<p><u>Flying Times for Training Year 1931/32</u></p> <p>In the year ending 31st March 1932 pilots flew:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>(a) As pilot, by day</td> <td>3984 hrs</td> <td>20 mins.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>" " " by night</td> <td>201 hrs</td> <td>25 mins.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><u>4185 hrs</u></td> <td><u>45 mins.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>(b) As passenger.</td> <td>48 hrs</td> <td>5 mins.</td> </tr> </table> <p>(Continued)</p>	(a) As pilot, by day	3984 hrs	20 mins.	" " " by night	201 hrs	25 mins.		<u>4185 hrs</u>	<u>45 mins.</u>	(b) As passenger.	48 hrs	5 mins.	
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(4) As passenger. 78 hrs 5 min (Continued)

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Heliopolis	1932.	49 (Cont)	<p>Flying Times for Year 1931/32 (Cont.)</p> <p>(c) On active co-operation (Training) With the Army in Egypt. 789 hours †</p> <p>[Note. †. This is included in the figures given at subpara. (a)]</p>	
Heliopolis.	April 27	(50)	<p><u>A.O.C.'s Annual Inspection and Report.</u></p> <p>The Squadron was inspected on 27th April 1932 by Air Vice Marshal. C.L.N. Newall, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., A.M., and reported on as follows:-</p> <p>1. I have the honour to report that I inspected No. 208 (Army Co-operation) Squadron at Heliopolis on the 27th April 1932.</p> <p>2. The Squadron is commanded by Squadron Leader M. Moore, O.B.E., and formed part of the Station parade on which I have already rendered a general report.</p> <p>3. In addition to carrying out all the Army Co-operation work required from them, which resulted in a special letter of congratulation from the General Officer Commanding, British Troops in Egypt, the Squadron has completed a full Royal Air Force annual training syllabus. This is a creditable performance and I have drawn attention to this by a special letter to the Commanding Officer.</p> <p>4. A thoroughly satisfactory organisation is in force for training classes for Army Officers, lectures, etc, and an excellent spirit of good will and co-operation exists between the personnel of the Unit and the Army.</p> <p>5. The office administration is very satisfactory, but the registry is to be immediately reorganised to conform with A.P. 947.</p>	

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Heliopolis.	1932	50 (cont)	<p>6. The W/T, Armament and Photographic Sections are well organised and efficient.</p> <p>7. The Unit is accommodated in buildings which have been in use for many years and under these conditions the general cleanliness and sanitary condition is most satisfactory. Provision is being made for the erection of new buildings in the near future.</p> <p>8. The atmosphere of this Squadron radiates keenness and efficiency and Squadron leader M. Moore, O.B.E. who brought the Unit to a high state of efficiency, has maintained the standard.</p> <p>9. I am satisfied with the efficiency, discipline and readiness for war of this Unit.</p> <p>(Report dated 10.5.32). (Signed) C.L.N. Newall. Air Vice Marshal.</p>	
	March	(51)	<p><u>Visit to KHARTOUM.</u></p> <p>Seven aircraft visited KHARTOUM, under Squadron Leader M. Moore starting from HELIOPOLIS on 12th March and returning Heliopolis on 21st March, nightly halts being made at ASWAN, WAZI HALFA and LUXOR en route.</p>	
Heliopolis - Khartoum.	March April.	(52)	<p><u>Escort of H.M. The King of the Belgians to KHARTOUM.</u></p> <p>Three aircraft under Flight Lieut. J. H. EDWARDS-JONES accompanied a CALCUTTA flying boat conveying H.M. the King of the Belgians to KHARTOUM, via KAREIMA on 27th and 28th March. They demonstrated various methods of Army Cooperation to units of the British and Sudan forces at KHARTOUM and SHENDI and two aircraft accompanied H.M. the King of the Belgians on his return to HELIOPOLIS in an AVRO 10 on 29th and 30th April.</p>	

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Ghazirah-Cairo.	1932 June 3	(53)	<u>Trooping The Colour - King's Birthday</u> The Squadron under Squadron Leader M. Moore flew part in Squadron formation with No 45 (Bomber) Squadron at the Trooping the Colour Parade performed by the Cairo Brigade in honour of H.M. The King's Birthday at 'GHEZIREH Sporting Club' on June 3rd.	
Helio polis	July Sept.	(54)	<u>Temporary Change of Command</u> Flight Lieut. R. GRICE, D.F.C. assumed command of the Squadron from 11th July to 26th September during the absence on leave of Squadron Leader M. MOORE, O.B.E.	
Helio polis - Iraq.	November	(55)	<u>Visit to IRAQ.</u> Seven aircraft under Squadron Leader M. Moore O.B.E. visited HINAWI, DIANA and SULEIMANYA, leaving HELIOPOLIS on 9th November and returning Helio on 16th November.	
Helio polis	1933 Feb. 3	(56)	<u>R. A. F. Display (Egypt)</u> At the annual R.A.F. Display held at Helio polis on 3rd February the Squadron took part as follows:- (a) Message Picking up in formation by 2 flights of 3 aircraft, first in flight formation and then in line astern. (b) Attack (Bombs) on a machine gun emplacement by the Squadron: first by flights in flight formation, then by individual aircraft and finally in flight formation again. (c) Reconnaissance in Set Piece by 1 flight of 3 aircraft.	

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Heliofolis	1933 Feb. 3	(57)	<u>Inter Unit Rugby Football Cup.</u> The Squadron won the Middle East Command Inter-unit Rugby Football Championship for the season 1932-33, beating No 14 (Bomber) Squadron at Zamalek by 19 points to 9.	
"	Jan. 3	(58)	<u>Squadron Crest and Motto.</u> The Squadron crest and motto approved by the officers of the Squadron in July 1930 (vide serial no 32. of 1930), having been adapted and improved in subsequent years, was standardised as shown below. It consists of a winged eye looking from an azure sky, the motto being: "VIGILANT".	
				
"	March 8	(59)	<u>Heliofolis Station Athletic Championship.</u> annual The Squadron won the Heliofolis Station Athletic Championship Sports Championship for the FOURTH successive year.	

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	1933	60	<u>Middle East Command Bombing Cup.</u> The Squadron won the Middle East Command Bombing Cup for the training year 1931/32 (In competition with five Bomber Squadrons)	
Heliopolis. (Omitted from page 13)	June 1932.			
	1933	61.	<u>Inspection by Secretary of State for Air.</u> The Squadron was inspected by the Secretary of State for Air, The Marquess of Londonderry K.G., M.V.O.	
	Jan 16.			
		62.	<u>Flying Times for Training Year 1932-33.</u> In the training year 1932-33, ending 31st March, the pilots flying times were: (a) As pilot, by day 4701 hrs. 45mins. " " by night 184 " 30 " <u>4886 " 15 "</u> (b) As passenger. 192 hrs. 50mins. (c) On active co-operation. (training) with Army in Egypt 1161 " 25 " (This is included in the figures as at (a) above)	
	March 31.			
		63.	<u>Middle East Command Athletic Championship.</u> The Squadron won the Middle East Command Athletic Championship at Aboukir.	
Aboukir	March 31.			
		64.	<u>A.O.G.'s Annual Inspection and Report.</u> The Squadron was inspected on 7th April 1933 by Air Vice Marshal G.L.N. Newall, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., A.M. and reported on as follows: "I have the honour to report that I inspected No. 208 (Army Co-operation) Squadron at Heliopolis on the 7th April 1933."	
Heliopolis.	April 7.			

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	1933	64(cont)	<p>2. The Squadron was seen on parade under Squadron Leader M. MOORE, O.B.E., whose word of command was good. The efficiency of the parade in handling of arms and the condition of equipment were both very good.</p> <p>3. In addition to carrying out all their Army Co-operation duties, this Unit has again completed a full Royal Air Force annual training syllabus with results above the average.</p> <p>4. The training classes for Army Officers remains at the high standard which it is customary to find in this Squadron and the excellent spirit of good will and co-operation with the Army continues to prevail.</p> <p>5. Squadron Standing Orders and Flying Orders are a model of their kind, being written in a clear and concise form.</p> <p>6. The general condition of the unit motor transport is very good in spite of having had to meet heavy repayment demands for the Army.</p> <p>7. The condition of aircraft and engines is good and a high standard of inspection and maintenance is being maintained.</p> <p>8. The general administration of the armament and photographic sections is excellent.</p> <p>9. Notwithstanding handicaps in the shape of old and almost derelict buildings a highly commendable atmosphere of healthy efficiency exists from a medical point of view.</p> <p>10. All the buildings and area of HELIOPOLIS Station controlled by No 208 (Army Co-operation) Squadron are extremely</p>	

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		64(Cont)	well kept and cared for. 11. The organisation and administration of the flights is of a high order and the whole tone of the Squadron indicates a thoroughly efficient and happy unit which reflects the highest credit on the Commanding Officer. Squadron leader. M. Moore, O.B.E. 12. I am very satisfied with the efficiency, discipline, and readiness for war of this Unit. (Report dated 11. 4. 33) (Signed) C.L.N. Newall. Air Vice Marshal.	
Heliopolis.	April 13.	65.	<u>Command Bombing Cup: Headquarters, Musketry & Pistol Cup and Armament General Proficiency Cup.</u> The Squadron won the above mentioned trophies for the training year 1932-33, and they were presented on a full parade on 29 th April by Air Vice Marshal C.L.N. Newall, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., A.M.	
Heliopolis	April 29.	66.	<u>Change of Command.</u> Squadron leader Maurice Moore, O.B.E., relinquished command of the Squadron, on posting to Air Staff duties, Headquarters Royal Air Force, Middle East. Squadron leader John Whitworth Jones (ex. command of No. 13 (Army Co-operation) Squadron, Netheravon) assumed command of the Squadron on the same date.	

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		67	<p><u>Annual Report on Army Co-operation 1932/33</u> Extract from A.O.C.'s annual report to The Secretary, Air Ministry:- "The standard of Army Co-operation has been high, and the relations of the Squadron with all military units concerned are excellent. This annual report coincided with the termination of Squadron leader Maurice Moore's command of No 208(Army Co-operation) Squadron and I was very gratified to receive a particularly warm appreciation of the work of the Squadron, and of his qualities as an Army Co-operation Squadron Commander, from the General Officer Commanding, British Troops in Egypt."</p> <p>(Report dated:- 21.6.33. (Sgd) C.L.N. Newall. Air Vice Marshal</p>	
			<p><u>Extract from Report on Training, Egypt Command.</u> "As in previous years I cannot thank Squadron leader Moore, O.B.E., and the Officers of 208(A.C) Squadron, R.A.F., sufficiently for the manner in which they have co-operated with myself, my staff, formations and units in this command. No trouble has been too much for them, and I would like to take this occasion on the relinquishment by Squadron Leader Moore of the command of his Squadron to mention my appreciation of the work of both himself and all ranks of 208(A.C) Squadron, R.A.F."</p>	
			<p><u>Copy of Letter by Army Council</u> "I am commanded by the Army Council to forward the attached (above) extract from the report by the General Officer Commanding, The British Troops in Egypt, on the training carried out in the Egypt Command"</p>	

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		67 (Cont.)	during 1932/33 The Army Council desire to express their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Squadron leader Moore and the officers under his command 14.8.33 (Sqd) D.C. Gordon for Permanent under Secretary of State	
	April	68	<u>Detached Flight Training.</u> A Flight (under command of F/Lt. J. H. Edwards-Jones) was detached at GHOBET EL BOOS from 13 th to 18 th April. Four aircraft and six M.T. Vehicles	
	April 15.	69	<u>Flying Casualty.</u> Pilot Officer W.A.W. Jameson and 365129, Ldc. A.L. Alleyway were killed in a flying accident at GHOBET EL BOOS.	
	June 3	70	<u>King's Birthday Parade.</u> The Squadron (under S/ldr. J. Whitworth-Jones) was engaged in a "Fly Past" on the King's Birthday Parade held at GEZIREH.	
	June	71	<u>Desert Convoy Training.</u> One Crossley and one Morris Six Wheeler set out on 1st June to reconnoitre the route between Jaliopolis and Serapeum returned 6 th June. On 16 th June One Crossley and three Morris Six Wheelers set	

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		71(Cont)	out for DEVRESAIR via ISMAILIA returned on 20 th June via RBEIQI.	
	July	72.	<u>Flight and M.T. Training.</u> "C" Flight in conjunction with the M.T. Section, (under F/Lt. R.W. Hill) carried out a desert training exercise in the Western Desert 6 th to 12 th July. Four aircraft and eight M.T. Vehicles. Route taken Bir Hakek - Alamein - Mersa Matruh returning via Alexandria.	
	August	73.	<u>Training Flight.</u> Three aircraft of "B" Flight (under F/O G. Hendriks) flew to Ramleh via Central SINAI route 23.8.33 returning 24.8.33.	
	August.	74.	<u>Special Course "Methods of Communication with Aircraft"</u> Four other ranks of the 1st. Bn. The West Yorkshire Regiment were attached to "B" Flight from 29 th July - 5 th August.	
	Sept	75	<u>Training Exercise.</u> Three aircraft of "B" Flight carried out ^{a supply} training exercise on the 11 th with No 30. Coy. R.A. S.C.	
	Sept	76	<u>Junior Army Officers' Courses.</u> Two courses have been held, 28 th August to 9 th September and 11 th to 23 rd September. Each course was fully attended by 6 officers.	
	Sept.	77	<u>Adjutant's Duties.</u>	

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		77(Cont)	<u>F/Lt. F.R.D. Swain</u> was posted to this Unit from No 6 (Bomber) Squadron on 12 th Sept for Adjutant duties vice <u>F/O C. Litter</u> . This was on the upgrading of Adjutants from <u>F/O</u> to <u>F/Lt</u> in Army Co-operation Squadrons.	
	Oct	78	<u>Detached Flight Army Co-operation Training.</u> A Flight (under <u>F/O N.C. Hyde</u>) was detached at Maidum from 6 th to 11 th October. Aircraft co-operated from there with the Royal Tank Corps who were carrying out a reconnaissance to Hurgada via the Red Sea Coast.	
	Oct	79	<u>Army Officers Courses</u> The I.L.O's and S.A.O's course, attended by six officers, which commenced on 25 th Sept. terminated on 21 st Oct. Two Senior Officers' Courses were conducted from 23 rd Oct. to 28 th Oct. and 30 th Oct to 4 th Nov. Six officers were attached for each course.	
	Oct	80	<u>Postings.</u> <u>F/Lt. R.W. Hill</u> was posted to the Home Establishment wef 1 st Oct. The following officers arrived from United Kingdom wef 10 th Oct: <u>F/O A.S. Kile</u> <u>F/O R.J. Knights - Whitmore</u> <u>F/O A.G. Powell</u>	

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	Nov.	81.	<p><u>Squadron Training Flight</u></p> <p>Nine Aircraft (under S/Ldr. J. Whitworth-Jones) carried out a training flight to KHARTOUM. Left Heliopolis 7th and returned 16th Nov. Pilots were: S/Ldr. J. Whitworth-Jones, F/Lt. Swain, F/lt. Fitch, F/Os Hyde Egan, Ling, Worrall, Parselle and F/O Leonard-Williams.</p>	
	Nov.	82.	<p><u>Extracts of letters</u></p> <p>" I enclose a copy of a letter I have just received from the G.O.C. which you will probably wish to show your officers. The position is indeed gratifying and I congratulate you all on what you have done.</p> <p>13.11.33. (Sqd) C. L. N. Newall - Air Vice Marshall</p> <p>" Whitworth-Jones and all his officers have taken so much trouble in the arrangement of courses for senior and junior officers during the Individual Training Season, and the results have been so satisfactory, that I should like to indulge in a special expression of gratitude - and that not only for the efficient way in which the courses were run by No 208 Sqn., but for the warm welcome given to my officers by yours.</p> <p>We have been repeatedly told by officers who attended these courses that there was no single direction in which more could have been done by 208 Sqn. to provide a first class course and to give everyone a good time as well - and we appreciate it very much.</p> <p>Nov. 10 (Sqd) J. Burnett - Stuart (G.O.C)</p>	

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Heliopolis.	Nov. 1.	83.	<p><u>Move of Personnel.</u></p> <p>On 1st. Nov. the personnel of the Squadron moved from South Camp to occupy the New Barrack Block in North Camp.</p>	
	Nov.	84.	<p><u>Army Co-operation.</u></p> <p>On 25th 'A' Flight carried out Co-operation with XIIIth Royal Lancers who were carrying out a reconnaissance to Hurghada via Helwan, Ras Zafarana and the Red Sea Coast. This scheme also involved two aircraft of No 45 (Bomber) Squadron. It terminated on 7th Dec.</p>	
Heliopolis - Alexandria - Mena.	Dec	85.	<p><u>Visit of Secretary of State for Air.</u></p> <p>On the 16th Dec, The Secretary of State for Air, The Marquess of Londonderry arrived at Alexandria. Five aircraft (under Squadron leader N. Whitworth-Jones) acted as escort from Alexandria to Mena. (8 hours 20 mins night flying being done)</p> <p>The Secretary of State for air was conveyed from Mena to Helwan on 22nd, by Squadron aircraft, and on 27th from Mena to Heliopolis.</p>	
	Jan.	86.	<p><u>Postings.</u></p> <p>F/O R.B. Dashper was transferred to the Home Establishment on 1st Jan. having been selected to specialise as an Armament Officer.</p>	

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Heliopolis - Helwan	Jan	87	<u>Visit of Secretary of State for Colonies</u> 6 Aircraft escorted two Victoria aircraft from Heliopolis to Helwan when the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Sir Phillip CUNCLIFFE-LISTER, PC, CBE, MC. and the Air Officer Commanding, Air Vice Marshal C.L.N. Newall, CB, CMG, CBE, AM left for South Africa.	
	Jan.	88	<u>Army Co-operation</u> Four aircraft carried out a photographic reconnaissance of the desert to WADI HALFA working in co-operation with XII Royal Lancers. Period 9-1-34 to 15-1-34.	
	Feb. 15	89	<u>Army Co-operation</u> Four aircraft carried out reconnaissance for XII Royal Lancers in the Western Desert. Encountering bad weather it became necessary for three aircraft to land and remain the night (one aircraft returned to Unit). The three aircraft sustained damage by wind.	
	Feb 17	90	<u>Search for Lost Despatch Riders.</u> On 17 th February an air search for two lost DRs was organised. (Western Desert area) The men were eventually found.	
Heliopolis	Feb	91	<u>R.A.F. M.E. Air Display</u> The Annual Air Display took place on 23 rd February. The Squadron carried out: Converging Bombing attack on machine gun emplacement, Message Picking Up	

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	1934	Serial No.										
		91	demonstration by 5 Aircraft, and Squadron Fly Past.									
	Feb.	92.	<p><u>Command Manoeuvres</u></p> <p>The Army, Command Manoeuvres took place during the period 24.2.34 to 2.3.34. The Squadron moved out as a Unit, two flights (under Squadron leader N. Whitworth-Jones) operated from lake GAR, and one flight (under Lieutenant R. Grace DFC) from KHATATBA.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Officers</td> <td>19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Airmen</td> <td>104</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Aircraft</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M.T. Vehicles</td> <td>21</td> </tr> </table>	Officers	19	Airmen	104	Aircraft	12	M.T. Vehicles	21	
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Heliopolis.	Mar.	93.	<p><u>Squadron Annual Sports</u></p> <p>The Squadron Annual Athletic Sports were held on March 20th and the Inter-Flight Shield won by "C" Flight. The "Victor Ludorum" was Cpl. Chaston.</p>									
	Mar.	94.	<p><u>Heliopolis Station Athletic Sports</u></p> <p>The Squadron won the Heliopolis Annual Athletic Championship for the fifth successive year.</p>									
	Mar. 31.	95.	<p><u>Flying Times for Year 1933/34</u></p> <p>In the training year 1933/34 ending 31st March the pilots flying times were:-</p>									

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April.	96.	<p><u>Farewell visit of General Officer Commanding.</u> On 10th April, General Sir J.T. Burnett-Stuart, KCB, KBE, OMB, DSO, visited the Squadron. He was accompanied by the Air Officer Commanding and Station Commander.</p>														
April.	97.	<p><u>Escort to General Officer Commanding.</u> On 13th April five aircraft proceeded to Port Said and escorted S.S. "Worcestershire" out of port. General Sir J.T. Burnett-Stuart, KCB, KBE, OMB, DSO, was proceeding to United Kingdom on relinquishment of his command as General Officer Commanding British Troops in Egypt.</p>														
April.	98	<p><u>A.O.C.'s Annual Inspection.</u> The Air Officer Commanding Air Vice Marshall, C.I.N. Nowall C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., A.M. inspected the Unit (under the Station Commander) on parade 19th April 1934. On 20th April 1934 the Squadron was inspected at work.</p>														

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	April	99	<p><u>Re-arming of Squadron.</u> On 18. 4. 34. two Audcy Aircraft were collected from R.A.F. Depot (ME) Aboukir. These are the first aircraft of the type which the Unit is to be re-equipped.</p>	
		100.	<p><u>Postings.</u> Flight Lieutenant R.W.K. Stevens from Home Establishment on 8. 3. 34 Flight Lieutenant W.E.V. Richards from R.A.F. Depot (ME) Aboukir on 9. 4. 34. Flight Lieutenant C. Horner to Home Establishment 27. 4. 34. Flying Officer C.E. Hittler to Home Establishment on 6. 5. 34 for Engineer Course at Henlow.</p>	
		101	<p><u>Headquarters, Musketry & Pistol Cup.</u> The Squadron won the above mentioned trophy for the training year 1933/34.</p>	
	3 May	102.	<p><u>A.O.C.'s Annual Inspection Report.</u> The Air Officer Commanding, Air Vice Marshal C.L.N. Newall CB, CMG, CBE, AM, in his annual report expressed himself as satisfied with the efficiency, discipline and readiness for war of the Unit.</p>	
	12 April	103.	<p><u>Visit of Chief of the Air Staff.</u> The Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Edward L. Ellington. KCB, CMG, CBE, inspected the Squadron at work.</p>	

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	June	104	<u>Postings.</u> Flying Officer S.W.H. Egan to Home Establishment on 3.6.34 for transfer to Reserve of Officers.	
	June	105	<u>Air Firing Practice Camp.</u> Air Firing Practice was carried out at ISMAWA during the period 8 th to 25 th June; each flight going there for 6 days to complete their annual training. This was the first time Air Firing Towed Target Exercises have been carried out in this Command.	
	July	107	<u>Training Flight to Iraq.</u> Nine aircraft under Squadron leader J. Whitworth-Jones visited Iraq leaving Heliopolis 16 th July. From Hinaidi, flights visited Shaibah and Mosul. The Squadron returned on 25 th completing the flight from Shaibah to Heliopolis in Squadron formation in one day.	
		108	<u>Postings.</u> Flying Officer I.V. Hue-Williams was posted to H.E. 237.34, being selected for Flying Instructors Course.	
		109	<u>Command Inter-Unit Tennis Team Championship.</u> The Squadron won the above championship for 1934.	
	August	110	<u>Photographic and M.T. Training.</u> During the period 14.8.34 - 27.8.34, the Squadron, each flight going independently for 5 days, carried out M.T. and photographic	

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	August	110	Training at Idku air.	
		111.	<u>Escort to H.E. The High Commissioner.</u> On 18 th August five aircraft proceeded to Sidi Gaber as ^{Air} escort to His Excellency Sir Miles Lampson KCMG, CB, CVO, British High Commissioner for Egypt and the Sudan, on his departure on leave.	
		112	<u>Posting.</u> P/O G Hinchley was invalided to Home Establishment 6-8-34	
		113.	<u>I.L.O. Attachment.</u> Lieutenant W. W. Reeve 3rd. Bn. Grenadier Guards was attached from 9-8-34 to 30-11-34 for I.L.O. duties.	
		114	<u>Landing Ground Inspection.</u> Two aircraft accompanied two Victorias of No 216(BT) Squadron on a reconnaissance of the Western Desert inspecting landing grounds during the period 9-8-34 to 13-8-34.	
Sept.		115.	<u>Junior Army Officers Course.</u> Thirteen Army Officers attended this course 3-9-34 to 14-9-34.	
		116.	<u>I.L.O's and S.A.O's Course.</u> I.L.O's & S.A.O's course commenced 17-9-34 and terminated	

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	Sept	116	12-10-34. Eight Officers attended the course. For the first time 8 Army other ranks were attached during the course for instruction in the duties of I.L.O's and S.A.O's clerks.	
	Nov. 1.	117	<u>Postings</u> Squadron leader John Whitworth Jones relinquished command of the Squadron, 1. 11. 34, on posting to Headquarters, R.A.F. Middle East, for Air Staff duties. Squadron leader Arthur Hyde Flower (ex R.A.F. Record Office) assumed command on that date.	
		118	<u>Senior Army Officers' Course</u> Eight Army Officers attended this course 22-10-34 - 30-10-34.	
		119	<u>Postings</u> Plot Officer J. Thompson from H. E. (No 2. (AC) Squadron on 25.10.34. Plot Officer N.D. Gilbert-Smith from H. E. (No 16 (AC) Squadron on 16. 11. 34. Flight Lieutenant W.E.V. Richards to H.Q. Middle East. on 8. 12. 34. Flight Lieutenant F.C. Chalmers from H.Q. Middle East on 18. 12. 34. Flight Lieutenant F.R.D. Swain to Home Establishment. on 30. 12. 34.	
		120	<u>Appointment</u> Flt. R.W.K. Stevens appointed Adjutant 1. 12. 34.	
		121	<u>I. L. O Attachment.</u> Captain D.B. Aithen D.F.C. 1st Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders	

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		121 (cont)	was attached 1.1.35. to 30.3.35 for I.L.O's duties.	
		122	<u>The 'Delaney' Hockey Cup</u> The Squadron won the above trophy for 1934/35.	
Jan.		123.	<u>Boxing: Middle East Command.</u> The 'Individuals' Middle Weight trophy was won by Mac Cox for the second time and the Feather Weight trophy by Mac Gale for the first time.	
Feb.		124.	<u>R.A.F. M.E. Air Display.</u> The annual Air Display took place on 1st. February 1935. The Squadron carried out the following events: Combined Acrobatics: Two Audy. Message Picking Up in Formation: Five Atlas. Low Flying Attack: Five Atlas. Two Audy aircraft also took part in the "Set Piece."	
		125.	<u>Postings.</u> Flight Lieutenant A.G. Adnams From H.E. (S.H.Q. Homechurch) on 1.2.35 Pilot Officer. J.N. James. From M.E. Command (F.F.S.) on 5.2.35	
		126.	<u>Army Co-operation Training.</u> During the period 4 th - 9 th February one Flight with Mechanical Transport	

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	1935	Serial No. (cont)		
		126	<p>carried out training with Genl Brigade at Geneifa.</p> <p>One Flight was detached to Mena for the period 5th - 16th February on co-operation duties with Cavalry Brigade.</p>	
		127	<p><u>Search for lost Despatch Riders and Infantryman</u></p> <p>During the Cavalry Brigade Training two D.R.s were lost in the desert. One man returned to camp after 24 hours and the other was located and brought in by an aircraft of the Squadron the next day.</p> <p>A soldier of the Middlesex Regiment was lost during a night operation but was found the next day by Flt. Edwardes-Jones and flown back to his Regiment.</p>	
		128	<p><u>Squadron Annual Sports</u></p> <p>The Squadron Annual Athletic Sports were held on February 23rd. The Inter-Flight Shield was won by "C" Flight. The "Victor Ludorum" was WAWEShield.</p>	
Mch.		129	<p><u>Air Officer Commanding's Inspection Report.</u></p> <p>The Air Officer Commanding, Air Vice-Marshal C.T. Maclean, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., in his annual report, expressed himself as satisfied with the efficiency, discipline & readiness for war of the unit.</p>	
		130	<p><u>Postings</u></p> <p>Flight Lieutenant J.A. Edwardes-Jones to Home Establishment (R.A.F. Depot (1A)) with effect from 11.3.35.</p> <p>Flying Officer G.W. King to Home Establishment (R.A.F. Depot (1A)) with effect from 26.3.35.</p>	

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	MCH 31st	131	<p><u>Flying Times for year 1934/35.</u> In the Training Year 1934/35 ending on 31st March, 1935 the pilots' flying times were:-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Hours</th> <th>minutes</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>(a) As pilot by day</td> <td>3800.</td> <td>15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(b) As pilot by night</td> <td>143.</td> <td>30</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><u>3943.</u></td> <td><u>45</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>(c) As passenger</td> <td>107.</td> <td>50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(d) On active co-operation training with Army in Egypt (included in (a) & (b) above)</td> <td>989.</td> <td>45</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Hours	minutes	(a) As pilot by day	3800.	15	(b) As pilot by night	143.	30		<u>3943.</u>	<u>45</u>	(c) As passenger	107.	50	(d) On active co-operation training with Army in Egypt (included in (a) & (b) above)	989.	45	
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		132	<p><u>Headquarters Musketry & Pistol Sup.</u> The Squadron won the above mentioned trophy for the Training Year 1934/35.</p>																			
SUDAN. (JOCKAN & JUBA)		133	<p><u>Co-operation with the Sudan Defence Force</u> Five aircraft, under Flight Lieutenant R. Grace, DFC, were engaged in co-operation with Units of the Sudan Horse and Equatorial Corps at Jockan & Juba respectively, during the period 18th March to 3rd April. Two Victoria aircraft of No. 216 (BT) Squadron, carrying crews, equipment & spares accompanied the flight throughout.</p>																			

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	APRIL	134	<u>Postings</u> Flying Officer R. E. G. Brittain from No. 26 (AC) Squadron with effect from 9 th April 1935.	
		134A.	Flight Lieutenant I. J. Fitch appointed to command 'A' Flight 24.4.35.	
GEZIRA, CAIRO	MAY	135	<u>Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the accession to the throne of His Majesty King George V.</u> The Squadron (leader Squadron leader A. H. Flower) were the leaders in a fly past of aircraft of Nos. 208 (AC), 216 (BT), 6 (B) & 45 (B) Squadrons and No. 4 F. S. S. at Gezira, Cairo in connection with the Silver Jubilee celebrations on 6 th May, 1935.	
ALEXANDRIA.			The Squadron (leader Squadron leader A. H. Flower), with No. 45 (B) Squadron, also performed a fly past at Alexandria in connection with the Silver Jubilee celebrations on 6 th May, 1935.	
		136.	<u>Postings.</u> Flying Officer D. A. Lile invalided to Home Establishment 25 th May.	
	JUNE	137.	<u>Command - "C" Flight.</u> Flight Lieutenant N. C. Hyde appointed to command 'C' Flight 1.6.35	
	AUGUST	138.	<u>Air liaison officer.</u> Lieutenant H. A. L. Montgomery - Campbell (Royal Tank Corps) attached to the Squadron for duty as Air liaison officer 1.8.35.	

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lieutenant N.A.L. Montgomery - Hampden (Royal Air Force)
attached to the Squadron for duty as Air liaison Officer 1.8.35.

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	AUGUST	139	<u>Re-arming of Squadron.</u> Squadron re-equipped with Andax Aircraft 19.8.35.	
	SEPT.	140	<u>Middle East Command Swimming Championship</u> The M.E. Command Swimming Championship was won by the Squadron on 7.9.35.	
		141	<u>Postings</u> Flight lieutenant G.A.G. Johnston from No. 26 (A.C.) Squadron with effect from 6.9.35. Flying officer A.R.G. Bax from No. 13 (A.C.) Squadron with effect from 31.8.35. Acting Pilot officers G.B.M. Bell, W.C.A. Church, G.E. Harrison, R.D.G. Wright from No. 5 Flying Training School with effect from 5.9.35. Pilot officer A.P.W. Keane from No. 26 (A.C.) Squadron with effect from 17.9.35.	
		142	<u>Formation of 'D' Flight</u> A fourth flight, 'D' Flight, was formed on 10.9.35 and fully equipped with six Demon aircraft by 14.10.35.	

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	OCT.	143	<u>Promotions</u> Flight lieutenant R. Grace, D.F.C. promoted to the rank of Squadron leader with effect from 1. 10.35. - and posted to A.D.M.E. on 13-10-35 for duty at Messa Matruh	
		144	<u>Detachment of "C" Flight</u> "C" Flight detached at Messa Matruh with effect from 8. 10. 35, the ground party proceeding by M.T. convoy on 7. 10. 35.	
	NOV.	145	<u>Visits</u> Air Commodore S.J. GOBLE, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.S.C., Royal Australian Air Force, who served in No. 8 Squadron R.N.A.S. in 1916, paid a visit to the unit on 21st November 1935.	
		146	<u>Postings to Unit.</u> Acting Pilot Officer V.A. Pope from No. 4 Flying Training School with effect from 25 th November. Flying Officer J.A. Robinson from No. 26(AC) Squadron with effect from 16 th November. Flight lieutenant C.C. O'Grady from No. 4 Flying Training School with effect from 30 th November, to command "C" Flight vice Sgt. N.C. Hyde.	

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	NOV	147	<u>Postings from Unit</u> Flight lieutenant N.C. Hyde to R.A.F. Depot (ME) Aboukris with effect from 14 th November. Flight lieutenant G.H.W. Boldaro (Stores) to R.A.F. Depot (ME), Aboukris with effect from 5 th November.	
	DEC	148	<u>movements.</u> "A" flight to Messa Matruh on 16 th December to join "C" flight	
		149	<u>Intelligence liaison section</u> Lieutenant T. de F. Jago (Royal Horse Artillery) and 2 clerks arrived to complete Squadron I.L. Section on 30 th December.	
		150.	<u>Sport.</u> Squadron won Delaney Hockey cup for second year on 31 st December.	
	1936 JAN.	151.	<u>movements</u> "A" and "C" flights moved from Messa Matruh to Messa Matruh East on 5 th .	

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	JAN	152	<u>Detachment</u> "D" Flight moved to Amariya on 6 th on attachment to No. 29 (A) Squadron.	
		153	<u>Postings from Unit</u> Flying Officer J. W. L. Wild to R.A.F. Depot (ME) with effect from 12 th .	
		154	<u>Postings to Unit</u> Flight Lieutenant R. N. Hesketh (Stores) from No. 216 (B.T) Squadron with effect from 20 th .	
		155	<u>Movements</u> Squadron Headquarters moved from Helipolis and established at Messa Matruh East on 24 th , accommodated under canvas, and allotted to 5 th Division for operations.	
	FEB	156	<u>Postings from Unit</u> Flying Officers R. J. Knights - Whitmore, A. G. Powell and H. G. Lehard - Williams to Home Establishment on 13 th .	
		157	<u>Postings to Unit</u> Pilot Officer J. E. Jacobs from 30 (B) Squadron 25 th . Pilot Officer J. B. Hoperft from 55 (B) Squadron 25 th .	

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25th. Pilot Officer J.B. Hopcraft from 55(13) Squadron
 25th.

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	MARCH	158	<u>Postings from Unit.</u> All personnel of 'D' Flight posted to No 64 (F) Squadron on formation of that unit on 16th March.							
		159	<u>Squadron Annual Sports</u> Held at Mersa Matruh East on 12th. Inter-Flight Shield won by 'A' Flight. Victor Ludorum - L.A.C. Hammond							
	MCH. 31 ST	160	<u>Flying Times for Year 1935/36.</u> In the Training Year 1935/36 ending on 31st March, 1936, the pilots' flying times were:- <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>(a) As pilot by day</td> <td style="text-align: right;">4,806 hours.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(b) As pilot by night</td> <td style="text-align: right;">117 hours.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>4,923 hours.</u></td> </tr> </table> of which 1,168 hours were spent on Army co-operation.	(a) As pilot by day	4,806 hours.	(b) As pilot by night	117 hours.	Total	<u>4,923 hours.</u>	
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(b) As pilot by night	117 hours.									
Total	<u>4,923 hours.</u>									
	APRIL	161	<u>Movements.</u> 'C' Flight returned to Heliopolis on 9th and the Squadron Headquarters on 18th.							

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	APRIL	162.	<u>Attachment</u> Captain G. Tod, Royal Artillery, attached to the Squadron for Air Liaison duties on 14th.	
	MAY	163	<u>Movements</u> "B" Flight to Mersa Matruh East on 23rd, and "A" Flight returned to Heliopolis on 25th.	
	JULY	164	<u>Appreciation.</u> Following received from Major General G. W. Howard, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commanding 5th Division, Mersa Matruh. "Now that we are closing down in the Western Desert I once again take the opportunity of thanking you and your excellent Squadron for the great help you have all been to me. It has been a pleasure to work with such an efficient unit and I do congratulate you on having such a splendid esprit de corps in it. I could ask for nothing better than again to have the opportunity of working with your Squadron."	

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	JULY	165.	<u>Movements.</u> "B" Flight returned to Helipolis on 31st.	
	AUG.	166	<u>Postings to Unit.</u> A/P/O. D. E. G. French from No 4 Flying Training School 28th August.	
	SEPT.	167.	<u>Command.</u> Squadron Leader A.H. Flower proceeded on leave prior to handing over and during his absence Flight Lieutenant J. J. Fitch assumed command of the Squadron from 2nd. Flying Officer J.A. Robinson assumed command of "A" Flight. Flying Officer Brittain assumed command of "B" Flight. Flight Lieutenant R. W. K. Stevens assumed command of "A" Flight on 28th.	
	SEPT.	168.	<u>Postings from Unit.</u> Flight Lieutenant G. G. Russellwhite to Home Establishment on 28th on return to the Army	

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	1936	<u>SERIAL.</u>		
	SEPT.	169.	<p><u>Operations.</u></p> <p>A "Warning Order" signal was received on 20th from Headquarters, British Troops in Egypt stating "Two flights 208 (A.C.) Squadron will be prepared proceed to Palestine at short notice if required. If sent flights will be sub-allotted to Divisions on arrival."</p> <p>On 23rd a further signal was received from Headquarters, British Troops in Egypt, giving the dates of the various movement parties to Royal Air Force Station, RAMLEH, where the Squadron would come under the General Officer Commanding, Headquarters British Forces in Palestine and Transjordan for operations and the Officer Commanding, R.A.F. Station, Ramleh for administration and discipline.</p>	
	SEPT.	170.	<p><u>Movements.</u></p> <p>The Squadron (less B Flight) moved to RAMLEH as follows, the move being completed on 30th.</p> <p>Advance Valentin Air Party } left Helipolis and Advance Andros Air Party } arrived Ramleh on 28th. Rail (Goods) Party - left Abbassia 27th and arrived Ramleh 30th. Rail (Passengers) Party - Left Cairo on 29th and arrived Ramleh on 30th.</p>	

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	OCT.	173.	<u>Postings to Unit.</u> Pilot Officer I. W. G. Fagan from Home Establishment (No 13 (Ac.) Squadron) on 21st.	
	NOV.	174	<u>Command.</u> Flight Lieutenant R. W. K. Stevens returned to Helipolis from Ramleh on 4th and took over command of the Squadron Detachment.	
		175.	<u>Movements.</u> Headquarters and "B" Flight returned to Helipolis, completing the movement on 9th.	
		176.	<u>Duties.</u> Flight Lieutenant R. W. K. Stevens assumed command of "B" Flight and Flight Lieutenant R. E. G. Brittain took over the duties of Squadron Adjutant on 9th.	
		177	<u>Postings from Unit.</u> Flight Lieutenant J. G. Chalmers to H.E. on 11th. Flight Lieutenant J. J. Fitch to H.E. on 26th (for Staff College course).	
		178	<u>Command.</u> Flight Lieutenant G. G. Olgrady assumed Command of the Squadron on 25th.	

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178 Command
 Flight lieutenant G. G. O'Grady assumed command
 of the Squadron on 25th.

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	DEC.	179	<u>Postings to Unit.</u> Squadron leader W.A.D. Brook from Headquarters Palestine and Transjordan on 2nd to command. Flying Officer G. H. Seabrook from Headquarters Middle East on 16 th for Accountant Duties. A/P/O. J. Beavis from Home Establishment (School of Army Co. Operations) on 30 th .	
		180	<u>Movements.</u> "A" Flight returned to Heliopolis on 8 th .	
	<u>1937</u>			
	JAN.	181.	<u>Postings from Unit.</u> Squadron leader A.H. Flower to Headquarters Middle East on 1 st .	
	FEB.	182	<u>Squadron Annual Sports.</u> Held at Heliopolis on 18 th and 19 th . Inter Flight Shield won by H.Q. "B" Flight. Victor Ludorum :- F/O. Thompson } Lie. Sgt. Lowe }	
		183.	<u>Command - "A" Flight.</u> Flying Officer J.N. Lomas assumed command of "A" Flight on 20 th .	

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	FEB.	184	<u>Movements.</u> "A" Flight proceeded to FAYID on 20th for co-operation with the Canal Infantry Brigade during Brigade Exercises and returned to HELIOPOLIS on 7th March.	
		185	<u>Promotions.</u> Flying Officer Flight Lieutenant J.N. Lamer to Flight Lieutenant on 24th.	
		186	<u>Postings from Unit.</u> Flight Lieutenant J.A. Robinson to Home Establishment on 24th for Signals Course. Flying Officer N.D. Sibbald-Smith to Home Establishment on 8th for Signals Course.	
	MCH.	187	<u>Movements.</u> In connection with the Egypt Command Exercise, flights were detached from HELIOPOLIS for the following periods:- "C" Flight to BURKUMBUH - 14th to 18th MARCH. "A" Flight to HELWAN - 15th to 18th MARCH.	
		188	<u>Posting.</u> Flying Officer J. Thompson to Home Establishment on 28th for Signals Course.	

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		189.	<p><u>Flying Times for Year 1936/37.</u> In the training year 1936/37 ending on 31st March, 1937, the pilots flying times were:-</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>(a) As pilot by day</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,986 Hours.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(b) As pilot by night</td> <td style="text-align: right;">134 Hours</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>3,120 Hours.</u></td> </tr> </table> <p>Of which 750 hours were spent on Army co-operation.</p>	(a) As pilot by day	2,986 Hours.	(b) As pilot by night	134 Hours	Total	<u>3,120 Hours.</u>	
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Total	<u>3,120 Hours.</u>									
	APRIL	190.	<p><u>Air Officer Commanding's Inspection</u> The annual inspection by the Air Officer Commanding took place on 4th.</p>							
		191.	<p><u>R.A.F. (M.E.) Display.</u> The R.A.F. (M.E.) Display was held at Heliopolis on 16th April, No. 208 (A.C.) Squadron taking part in two events - Messag Picking Up and Low Flying Attack.</p>							
		192.	<p><u>Movements.</u> B Flight proceeded to RAMLEH on 23rd for co-operation with British Forces in Palestine.</p>							

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		192 (cont.)	and returned to HELIOPOLIS on 29 th .	
	MAY	193.	<u>Postings from Unit.</u> Flight Lieutenant R.E.C. Brittain to Home Establishment on 10 th for Navigation Course.	
		194.	<u>Duties.</u> Pilot Officer V.A. Pope assumed the duties of Squadron Adjutant on 10 th .	
		195.	<u>Postings to Unit.</u> Pilot Officers D.R. Hopper, K.D. Laurie, A.M. Brown and J.G. Burnand from Home Establishment on 29 th arriving on 9 th June.	
		196.	<u>Movements.</u> To Flight to RAMLEH on 29 th for co-operation with British Forces in Palestine, returning to HELIOPOLIS on 5 th June.	
	JUNE	197.	<u>Movements.</u> To Flight to MERSA MATRUH on 8 th returning to HELIOPOLIS on 10 th . A Flight to RAMLEH on 14 th for co-operation with British Forces in Palestine, returning to HELIOPOLIS on 19 th .	

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	JUNE	198.	<u>Command - B Flight</u> Flying Officer K. Kapel-kuse took over command of B Flight on 10 th .	
		199	<u>Postings to Unit</u> Warrant Officer E.H. McDonald from No. 216 (B.T.) Squadron on 28 th for Engineer Duties.	
	JUL.	200.	<u>Appointments.</u> Flying Officer K. Kapel-kuse was appointed acting Flight Lieutenant on 1 st	
		201.	<u>Postings from Unit.</u> Flight Lieutenant R.W.K. Stevens to Headquarters, Middle East, for Air Staff duties on 1 st . Warrant Officer H.O.B. Mawdsley to Home Establishment on 3 rd for appointment to a Commission as Commissioned Engineer Officer.	
		202.	<u>Movements.</u> B Flight to Mersa Matruh on 5 th for co-operation with 11 th (P.A.O.) Hussars, returning to HELIOPOLIS on 10 th .	

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	JUL.	203.	<p><u>Promotions.</u></p> <p>Pilot Officer F. G. Hopperscroft to Flying Officer on 13th. Pilot Officer V. A. Pope to Flying Officer on 16th.</p>	
	AUG/ SEP.	204.	<p><u>Training Camp.</u></p> <p>It was decided to establish a training camp at ABOUKIR on a flight basis, each flight being augmented by a proportion of personnel from other sections.</p> <p>The Advance Party left HANOI by road on 11th, thereafter flights were detached for the following periods:-</p> <p>C Flight from 12th to 24th August. A Flight from 24th August to 14th September. B Flight from 14th September to 16th September.</p> <p>Whilst on detachment each flight carried out photographic training (developing and printing being carried out under "field" conditions), advanced musketry training and a certain number of long range W/T flights. A W/T Ground Station was maintained at the camp, a W/T tender being used for the purpose.</p>	
	AUG.	205.	<p><u>Promotions.</u></p> <p>Pilot Officer J. E. Jacobs to Flying Officer on 16th.</p>	

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Pilot Officer J.E. Jacobs to Flying Officer on 16th.

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	AUG.	206.	<u>Command - C Flight.</u> Flying Officer A.P.W. Kane took over command of C Flight on 25th.	
	OCT.	207.	<u>Promotions</u> Flight Lieutenant G.C. O'Grady to Squadron Leader on 1st.	
		208.	<u>Appointments.</u> Flying Officer G. L. Seabrook was appointed acting Flight Lieutenant on 1st.	
		209.	<u>Postings from Unit.</u> Flight Lieutenant A.G. Adams to No. 4 Flying Training School on 1st for flying instructor duties.	
		210.	<u>Promotions.</u> Pilot Officer J.W.G. Fagan to Flying Officer on 15th.	
		211.	<u>Bombing Demonstration</u> In order to impress upon the Army Staff and commanders the danger of air attack.	

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		211 (contd)	<p>when directed against formations concentrated on the ground, a live bombing demonstration was carried out on No. 2 Suez Road Range on 29th.</p> <p>Representatives of the British and Egyptian Army were present and the following programme was successfully completed :-</p> <p>Attack on transport concentration by five aircraft of No. 208 (A.C.) Squadron dropping twenty 20 lb. bombs.</p> <p>Attack on transport concentration by three aircraft of No. 208 (A.C.) Squadron dropping 900 Baby Incendiary Bombs.</p> <p>Attack on dispersed target by five aircraft of No. 208 (A.C.) Squadron dropping three 20 lb. bombs.</p> <p>Attack on river crossing by nine aircraft of No. 45 (B) Squadron dropping seventy-two 112 lb. bombs.</p> <p>Two attacks on Supply Railhead by three aircraft of No. 216 (B.T.) Squadron dropping six 550 lb. bombs and six 250 lb. bombs respectively on each attack. Three of each type of bomb having delayed fuse action in order to show the crater effect.</p>	

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		<u>211 (Cont'd)</u>	Whilst the demonstration achieved its object the results were below those obtained during the practices and owing to previous heavy rain the B.I.B's though well laid, were unable to ignite the inflammable material in the target due to its sodden condition.	
		<u>212.</u>	<u>Senior Army Officers' course.</u> Five Army Officers attended this course from 25th to 29th.	
		<u>213.</u>	<u>Postings from Unit.</u> Squadron leader G. G. Olsby to Home Establishment on 30th.	
		<u>214.</u>	<u>Appointments.</u> Flying Officer A. P. W. Lane was appointed acting Flight Lieutenant on 30th.	
<u>Nov.</u>		<u>215.</u>	<u>Junior Army Officers' course.</u> Eight Army officers attended this course from 1st to 13th.	

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		216	<u>Postings to Unit.</u> Flight Lieutenant A.G. Powell from Home Establishment for Signals duties.	
		217.	<u>Coming-of-Age - No. 208 (A.C.) SQUADRON.</u> The celebrations in connection with the 21st anniversary of the formation of the Squadron, which occurred on 25th October, were held on 6th November, in order to co-incide with the celebrations held in London. During the morning and afternoon a river picnic was held for all airmen and their wives and families, in ten feluccas. A Squadron dinner was held in the N.A.A.F.I. at 18.30 hours at which the health of the Squadron was suitably toasted. At the same time a reunion dinner was held by past members of the Squadron at the "Raglan" in London. The past and present officers of the Squadron in Egypt dined at the Surf Club in Cairo at 21.30 hours.	
		218.	<u>Sport.</u> The Middle East Command Novices and Team Boxing Championships were held at	

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	1938			
	Jan.	219.	<p><u>Movements</u> A Night Reconnaissance Exercise was carried out on the night of 2/22 January to give pilots practice in Navigation at night and to exercise M.T. personnel in desert driving at night with and without lights.</p>	
		220	<p><u>Movements</u> 'A' Flight proceeded to a Landing Ground (Map Reference 691843) on 31st January for co-operation with the Cavalry Brigade and returned to HELIOPOLIS on 1st February.</p>	
BIR HOOKER	Feb.	221.	<p><u>Movements</u> 'A' Flight proceeded to BIR HOOKER on 7th February for co-operation with the Cavalry Brigade and returned to HELIOPOLIS on 9th February.</p>	
		222.	<p><u>Air Officer's Commanding Inspection</u> The Annual Inspection by the Air Officer Commanding took place on 16th & 17th February. The A.O.C. expressed his satisfaction with the drill and efficiency of the Squadron, which</p>	

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as below) as approved by His Majesty the King, was duly made on 11th February by Air Vice-Marshal

on three sides of a square facing the flag

to attention, the flag broken, and General Salute Commanding on parade.

Commanding remarked that he had known in any other Squadron in the Royal Air Force, special privilege for him to present the badge that had, to his own personal knowledge, completed in our food service. He hoped and felt that would continue to maintain that high work for which it had been used at all

FAYID.	C Flight proceeded to FAYID on 13 th February for co-operation with the Canal Brigade. They moved to AIR OBEIS on 19 th and returned to HELIOPOLIS on 26 th
AIR OBEIS.	

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	1938	SERIAL	
	Feb.	222 (cont.)	was reported on as very fit for War.
		223.	<p><u>Squadron Badge</u> The new Squadron badge (shown below) as approved by His Majesty the King, presented to the Squadron on parade on 11th February by Air Vice-Marshal C.T. Maclean, C.B., D.S.O., M.C.</p> <p>The Squadron was drawn up on three sides of a square facing the staff on the Squadron parade ground.</p> <p>The Squadron was called to attention, the flag broken, and Genes given on arrival of the Air Officer Commanding on parade.</p> <p>In his speech the Air Officer Commanding remarked that he had known No 208 Squadron more intimately than any other Squadron in the Royal Air Force and that he considered it a special privilege for him to present the badge on this occasion to a Squadron that had, to his own personal knowledge, just over twenty one years of continuous good service. He hoped and felt that No 208 (Army Co. Squadron) Squadron would continue to maintain that standard of esprit de corps and work for which it had been noted a number of times.</p>
		224.	<p><u>Movements</u> "C" Flight proceeded to FAYID on 13th February for co-operation with the C.I. They moved to BIR OBEIB on 19th and returned to HELIOPOLIS on 26th</p>

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BIR OBEIB.

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	Feb.	225.	<u>Postings to Unit.</u> Capt. L.R.C. Watson joined the Unit as A.L.O. on 9 th February, vice Capt C.F. Ford (posted to War Office). Acting P.M.O. Officers L.G. Barham, R.G.L. Baxter and R.J. Williams joined the Unit on February 19 th on posting from No. 4 F.T.S.	
GEBEL IWEIBAD.		226.	<u>Movements</u> "B" Flight proceeded to GEBEL IWEIBAD on February 20 th in connection with a composite Brigade exercise and returned to HELIOPOLIS on February 25 th .	
	March	227.	<u>Squadron Annual Sports</u> The Squadron Annual Sports were held at HELIOPOLIS on 1 st February. The Inter-Flight Shield was won by "B" Flight. Ac Wilson was Victor Hudson.	
		228.	<u>Helopolis Station Annual Sports.</u> The Station Sports were held on 5 th February. The Squadron tied for first place with No 216 (A.T.) Squadron.	
		229.	<u>Postings to Unit</u> Flt Holmes was posted to the Unit as Accountant Officer from Amman on February 11 th .	
		230.	<u>Movements</u> In connection with the Egypt Command Exercises flights were detached from HELIOPOLIS for the following periods:-	

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EL ALMEIN BIR HOOKER	March	230 (cont.)	"A" Flight to EL ALMEIN - 12 th to 15 th March. "B" and "C" Flights to BIR HOOKER - 12 th to 15 th March.	
		231	<u>Command Spots</u> The Command Spots were held at HELIOPOLIS on March 24 th and 25 th . Squadron had four teams entered for the Spots, three of these winning their events, Kenya being for second place with "C2" Squadron, R.A.F. Jebel, Abukir.	
		232.	<u>Postings from Unit</u> Acting Pilot Officer R.D. Williams was posted to No. 11 (A) Squadron, India w.e.f. 28.8.38.	
		233.	<u>Postings to Unit</u> Flying Officers (Lieutenants) J. Mac Donnell and W.G. Tailym were posted from the Home Establishment w.e.f. 29.3.38.	
		234	<u>Flying Times for Year 1937/38.</u> During the training year 1937/38 ending 31 st March, 1938, the pilots flying times were:- (a) as pilot by day 3,452 hours. (b) as pilot by night 354 hours. of which 1309 hours were spent on Army - Co-operation.	
	April	235.	<u>Postings from Unit</u> Flying Officers F.C. Hoperft and J.E. Jacobs were posted to No. 6 (A) Squadron, Ramleh, w.e.f. 1.4.38.	

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	April	236.	<u>Postings to Unit</u> Flying Officers (Lieutenants) A.R.W. Shipley, R.H. Humphries and E.R.E. Black joined the Unit on posting from Home Establishment w.e.f. 30.4.38.	
ALEXANDRIA (DEKHEILA)	May	237.	<u>Movements</u> A composite flight proceeded to Alexandria for the period 2 nd to 6 th May to test the efficiency of the Anti-Aircraft Defences of Alexandria by night and day and also to carry out a test of the Squadron Photographic Section in the field.	
HELIOPOLIS AMMAN, RUTBAH HABBANIYA, SHAIBA		238.	<u>Movements</u> The Squadron carried out a training flight to IRAQ, leaving HELIOPOLIS on 9 th May and returning on 13 th May. Landings were made at Amman and Rutbah to refuel. From Habbaniya flights were made to Sharta.	
	June	239.	<u>Promotions</u> Pilot Officer D.E.C. Trench to be Flying Officer w.e.f. 6.6.38. Pilot Officer J. Beavis to be Flying Officer w.e.f. 23.6.38.	
		240.	<u>Air Firing</u> Air to Air firing was carried out on the Fayyum Road Range. For the first time this training was carried out by the Squadron as a self-contained unit. Two Godaws were supplied by H.Q.M.E. for target towing and these were maintained afloat by Squadron personnel.	

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	JUL/AUG	241.	<u>Training Camp:</u> It was decided to establish a training camp at ABOUKH on similar lines to that held in August 1937. The advance party left HELIOPOLIS on 28.7.38, and the flights, augmented by personnel from the various sections, proceeded in the order 'A', 'C', 'B', for periods of 12 days each. Camp was struck and the rear party returned to HELIOPOLIS on 31.8.38.	
	JULY	242	<u>Command:</u> F/Lt Powell assumed command of the Squadron w.e.f. 1.7.38, vice S/Lt. Brock (on leave).	
	AUG.	243.	<u>Promotions.</u> P/O Hopper to be flying officer w.e.f. 27.8.38.	
	SEPT.	244.	<u>Command</u> F/O Tailor assumed command of 'B' Flight w.e.f. 24.9.38 vice F/Lt Capel. (on leave).	
		245	<u>Sport</u> The Squadron won the Middle East Swimming & Water Polo Championships.	
		246.	<u>Movements</u> The Squadron moved to MERSA MATRUH at 24 hours notice on 28.9.38, for co-operation with Mobile Division. The Air Party arrived at MATRUH on 28.9.38 and the load party arrived next day, having spent one night on the road. The unit was accommodated in huts, situated near the aerodrome, and in tents. As a maximum serviceability was required very little flying was done during the first week, but subsequently, some Army-Cooperation and photographic exercises were carried out.	

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			The Squadron left MERSA MATRUH on 13.10.38, the Air Party flying to HELIOPOLIS and the Road Party spending one night on the road as on the outward journey.	
	SEPT (cont)	247.	<u>Posting</u> F/Lt Tomes to Head Quarters, Middle East. for duty as Officer in Training w.e.f. 7.10.38.	
		248.	<u>Command</u> S/Ldr. Brook re-assumed command of the Squadron on 5.10.38 on return from leave. F/O Mac Douglall assumed command of "A" Flight with F/Lt Tomes w.e.f. 7.10.38.	
		249.	<u>Posting</u> P/O Baxter returned to U.K. on sick leave and was posted to the H.Q. w.e.f. 16.10.38.	
		250.	<u>Detachment</u> F/O Pipe was detached for duty with No 6(B) Squadron w.e.f. 29.10.38.	
	OCTOBER	251.	<u>Promotions</u> P/O Burnand to be Flying Officer w.e.f. 23.10.38. P/O Currie to be Flying Officer w.e.f. 28.10.38	
		252.	<u>Demonstrations.</u> The Squadron took part in a mass demonstration over Cairo, composed of 1 Wing R.F.A.F. and two Wings R.A.F. The following day all Squadrons were inspected at Heliopolis Aerodrome by H.E. Sir Miles Lampson, the British Ambassador.	

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	November	253	<u>Promotion</u> P/O BROWN to be Flying Officer w.e.f. 3.11.38.	
		254	<u>Football</u> The Squadron reached the final of the M.E. Command inter-unit Cup, and lost to No. 216(B.I) Squadron by one goal to nil.	
	December	255	<u>Postings</u> S/Ldr. STANLEY-TURNER from No. 6 (Auxiliary) Group to 208 Squadron w.e.f. 2.12.38, to take over command. S/Ldr. W.A.D. BROOK from 208 Squadron to No. 1 RAF Depot on handing over command. F/O (Hon F/lt) P. LEGGE (Capt. R.A.) and P/O DEAN (Equipment) from H.E. to 208 w.e.f. 14.12.38.	
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	JANUARY	256	<u>POSTINGS.</u> F/O (Hon F/lt) HUTCHINSON (Capt. R.I.C.) and P/O J. ALBIS to 208 from H.E. w.e.f. 3.1.39. F/Lt K. Popel-Lane from No 208 (ac) Sqn to No 61 F.T.S. W.O.P. 25-1-39	
		257	<u>RE-ARMING OF THE SQUADRON.</u> The unit began to re-arm with HYSANDER aircraft. The first of them was flown from A.D.M.E. by F/LE CANE and flights were re-armed in the C.A.B..	
		258	<u>ARMY CO-OPERATION.</u> "B" Flight moved to ISMAILIA for 6 days to co-operate with the CANAL BRIGADE.	
		259	<u>SPORT</u> Lac WILSON of this unit played in the Inter-Services Rugby match, which was won by the R.A.F.	

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	FEBRUARY	260	<p><u>SPORT</u></p> <p>The Squadron Annual Athletic Sports were held on 18th February, and the Inter-Flight Cup and the Cross Country Shield were won by "A" Flight.</p>	
	MARCH	261	<p><u>ANNUAL TRAINING.</u></p> <p>The Squadron moved to MERSA MATRUH on 26th MARCH ^{FEBRUARY} for Co-operation with Middle Division on Manoeuvres in the Western Desert. Flying training was restricted but valuable experience was gained in ground reconnaissance.</p>	
		262	<p><u>SPORT</u></p> <p>Sporting activities were restricted to a minimum owing to the Squadron's absence at Mersa Matruh.</p>	
		263	<p><u>POSTINGS</u></p> <p>F/O P.N. Isaac from R.A.F. Station Cranwell to No 208 (ac) Squadron W.S.P. H. 2. 39.</p>	
	March	264	<p><u>Squadron Movement.</u></p> <p>The Squadron returned from Mersa Matruh on March 16th. Its transport completing their work ahead of schedule.</p>	
		265	<p><u>Sport.</u></p> <p>The Squadron came second in the Command Sports with 30 points. L.A.C. Murphy won the Victor Ludorum Cup in Command Sports.</p>	

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	March	266.	<u>Postings</u> F/O Webber from Home Establishment to 40208(ac) Sqdn W.E.P. 8.3.39 F/O Isaac attached to R.A.F. Station Nairobi from 40208(ac) Sqdn W.E.P. 18.3.39. F/O Hobbs from 40208(ac) Sqdn to No 4 F.T.O. W.E.P. 12.3.39.	
	April	267.	<u>Casualties</u> The Squadron lost two valuable members when F/Lt Hutchinson and F/O Hopper were killed in an accident to Magister aircraft N. 3845 on 27.4.39	
		268	<u>Promotions</u> F/Lt A.G. Powell was promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader W.E.P. 1.4.39.	
		269	<u>Marriages</u> . The marriage of F/Lt V. Foxe (attached No 6 101 Squadron) to Mary Kathleen Hamford took place at the church of St. Michaels & All Angels, Heliopolis on March 14th.	
		270	<u>Sport</u> The cricket season opened at the beginning of this month and up to date the Squadron have won and lost 2 matches. F/O Tailor played in the All Egypt side against Wentworth's XI and scored 58.	
		271	<u>Training</u> All flights carried out anti-aircraft cooperation at Alexandria. A demonstration of incendiary bombing was carried out at a Gas Coner at Alexandria.	

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		272	<u>COURSES</u> An Army Officers' Photographic Course was held during the month.	
		273	<u>POSTINGS</u> F/Lt. A.P.W. came from No 208 (ac) Squadron to No 1 R.A.F. Depot W.E.P. 27.1.39. The squadron thus lost its 8th Sgt (in time!) member.	
May	274	<u>POSTINGS</u> P/O V. Pope from No 6 (A) Squadron to No 208 (ac) Squadron W.E.P. 26.5.39. S/Lt. Powell posted to H.Q.E.G. W.E.P. 29.5.39.		
		275.	<u>Attachments</u> P/O Isaac's ceased to be attached to R.A.F. Station Nairobi W.E.P. 24.5.39. P/O Skipton became attached to H.Q.E.G. W.E.P. 26.	
June	276	<u>Spot. Cricket</u> The Squadron won first round of the Middle East Skills beating No 113 (A) Squadron by 22 runs.		
		277	<u>TRAINING</u> . Bombing and Air + Ground gunnery practice was commenced but owing to instructions from HQ. this training was curtailed. Photographic training included use of infra red and panchromatic films. Mosaics were made for H.Q. B.T.E. and H.Q.E.G.	

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	JUNE	278	<u>Marriages</u> F/O Black was married to Lorna Gertrude Thwaites at Camberwell, Australia on 3-6-39.	
		279	<u>POSTINGS</u> Nil	
		280.	<u>PROMOTIONS</u> F/O Toulsons was confirmed in the rank of A/P/W. w.e.f. from 2-3-39	
	JULY	281.	<u>MOVEMENTS</u> 'A' Flight leave detached at Mesa Matrit for Air Survey duties from 22 nd July	
		282	<u>TRAINING</u> Training during the month was restricted but photography duties for H. Ensl. were undertaken by 'A' & 'C' flights. All flights did night flying training - including X-counties and reconnaissances. Army Cooperation was carried out with R.A.S. transport. Met. flights were undertaken for the R.A. and flights observed for Calibration Shots.	
		283.	<u>POSTINGS</u> A.P.O. R.T. Hardiman joined the Squadron on 20th - his posting being effective from 18.7.39	
		284	<u>PROMOTIONS</u> F/Os Macdonnell, Pope & French were granted ranks of A.F/2! with effect from the following dates 2-3-39, 26.5.39 & 8.5.39.	
		285	<u>STATION SWIMMING SPORTS</u> held held at Helipod on 6th	
		285	<u>STATION TENNIS TOURNAMENT</u> was held during the last week of the month. In the open single F/O Burt and was runner up to Sgt Head. In the open doubles F/O Burt and P/O Firth of 113 Sqdn beat Cpl Boonham of the Squadron + partner.	

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	August	286.	<u>MOVEMENTS</u> . The remainder of the squadron moved to Messa Matruh to join 'A' Flight - for an indefinite period. This being part of H.O. E.G. scheme to accommodate all Squadrons at their War Stations. The date of the move was 14th August.	
		287	<u>TRAINING</u> . In consequence of the Squadron move training was drastically curtailed. Restricted flying was imposed as an accompaniment to the tense European situation. 'A' Flight completed their photographic work for H.O.M.E.	
		288.	<u>STATION SWIMMING SPORTS</u> were held at the Helioptis S. C. on August 1 st . 216 Sqdn won the water polo. 208 were beaten by S.H.C. The Squadron were 3 rd in the water Volt relay. The entire <u>entire</u>	
	SEPT	289	<u>POSTINGS</u> . A/F/lt TRENCH was absorbed into the Home Establishment W. E. P. 1-9. 39.	
	SEPT.	290.	<u>MOVEMENTS</u> The Squadron moved from Messa Matruh to Basaba on 1-9. 39, changing places with 33 Squadron. This move was necessitated by the position of H.Q. Armoured Div.	

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QASABA	3.9.39	11.15	<p><u>WAR WAS DECLARED WITH GERMANY AT 11.15 HOURS G.M.T.</u></p> <p>The Squadron was at QASABA having moved there from MERSA MATRUH. on 1st September 1939.</p> <p><u>PERSONNEL</u></p> <p>Officer Commanding- Squadron Leader G. N. STANLEY-TURNER. Adjutant- Flying Officer. L. S. BURNAND. Equipment Officer- Pilot Officer. M. DEAN.</p> <p>A. Flight-</p> <p>A. F/Lt J. MACDOUGALL. Hon. F/Lt P. LESSE. P/O L. C. BARTRAM. P/O. R. ALDIS</p> <p>B. Flight</p> <p>Hon. F/Lt R. H. HUMPHRIES. F/O. E. H. I. WEBBER. F/O J. BEAVIS. F/O A. M. BROWN.</p> <p>C. Flight.</p> <p>A. F/Lt V. A. POPE Hon. F/Lt A. R. W. SHIPLEY F/O. E. R. E. BLACK. P/O R. J. HARDIMAN. F/O. K. D. CURRIE.</p> <p>WARRANT OFFICER. O'CONNOR.</p>	

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QASABA.	3.9.39		<p>tender and 1. ALBION Point to Point tender.</p> <p><u>COMMAND.</u> The Squadron is in the Middle East Command and forms part of the Advanced Wing under Headquarters Egypt Group. It is under the S.O.C. Armoured Division for Operations and O.C. Advanced Wing for administration.</p>	
QASABA	4.9.39		<p>Aircraft and Tentage have been dispersed. Defence Posts are manned by Day and Night. 2. Pilots are standing by for reconnaissance.</p>	
	6.9.39		<p><u>POSTINGS.</u> FLY R.E. WELD joined the unit from 6th Bn. R.T.R. having had a "refresher" course at HELIOPOLIS. He is a fully trained P.C. pilot after secondment to No 16 (A.C.) Squadron</p> <p><u>ORDERS.</u> The code word. Box was received at 04.00-hrs. and the Squadron was mobilised and standing by at 2 hours notice. Censorship of private mail was introduced.</p>	
	6.9.39		<p><u>CASUALTIES.</u> 547434 A.C.I. WANSTELL F.W. died by drowning when on an official bathing parade.</p>	

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	6.9.39		<u>EQUIPMENT</u> A new Photographic Lorry and Power Trailer arrived.	
	7.9.39		<u>ORDERS.</u> The Air Officer Commanding in Chief visited the Squadron The code word CORRIDOR came into force to-day. Recognition letters of the day were circulated to flights and the scheme for recognition of Aircraft by ground troops put into action.	
	8.9.39		No Entry.	
	9.9.39		<u>POSTINGS</u> Flt A.E. HILL was posted to the Squadron from R.A.F.O.	
	10.9.39		<u>ATTACHMENTS</u> A detached reconnaissance flight of 4 WELLESLEY aircraft arrived on attachment to the Squadron from No 14 Sqdn. AMMAN. The pilots were Flt D.F.J. WILLIS - P/O S.G. SODERHOLM Sgt. WIMSETT - Sgt. MOULTON.	
	11.9.39		<u>ORDERS.</u> The Squadron was released to 8 hours notice. Anti-Aircraft and Anti-Gas precautions were relaxed.	
	12.9.39		No Entry.	

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QASABA	13-9-39		<u>POSTINGS.</u> P/O R.E.M. BLAKEMAN was posted to the Squadron from OXFORD University Squadron for Cypher duties	
			<u>INSPECTION</u> Nine (9) Aircraft from the Squadron were inspected at Mesa Matruh by H.M. King Farouk.	
	14-9-39		<u>ORDERS</u> Air Ministry directed that R.A.F. Middle East Command are on active service. Para 2 Command Mobilization Instructions brought into force.	
	15-9-39		No Entry	
	16-9-39		No Entry	
	17-9-39		<u>Accident</u> F/O K.D. Currie overturned on landing at Siwa. The pilot and passenger were unhurt.	
	18-9-39		<u>POSTINGS.</u> F/Lt W.G. Tailyour returned to the Squadron from U.K.	
			<u>EQUIPMENT.</u> Summer type Bivouac Tentage for attachment to M.T. vehicles arrived.	
	19-9-39		<u>ATTACHMENTS</u> F/O YORK resumed his attachment with the Squadron as Signals Officer after being temporarily attached to H.Q. HQ251 Wing.	
	20-9-39		No Entry.	
	21-9-39		<u>POSTINGS</u> F/Lt H.H.S. BROWN joined the Squadron on posting W.E. 21. 9. 39.	
	22-9-39		No Entry	

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	23.9.39		<u>POSTINGS.</u> No Entry. F/Lt. I.R. Sellers left Squadron on posting to Ismailia	
	24.9.39		NO Entry.	
	25.9.39		NO Entry.	
	26.9.39		NO Entry.	
	27.9.39		NO Entry.	
	28.9.39		NO Entry.	
	29.9.39		NO Entry.	
	30.9.39		<u>SIGNALS.</u> At midnight G.H.T. the following publications were brought into force. S.D. 66 (8) and S.D. 38 (6). Also War 'Syko' Cards were brought into use.	

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QASABA.	1/10		No ENTRY	
	2/10		<u>SIGNALS</u> War Syko cards, S.D. 66(s), S.D. 38(6) brought into force.	
	3/10		No ENTRY.	
	4/10		"	
	5/10		"	
	6/10		"	
	7/10		"	
	8/10		"	
	9/10		"	
	10/10		<u>DETACHMENT</u> 'B' flight detached at AMRIYA for co-operation with the 7 th Regiment Royal Artillery.	
	11/10		No ENTRY	
	12/10		<u>POSTINGS</u> FLt WILSON J.R. posted to the Squadron W.E.F. 12.10.39.	
	13/10		No ENTRY.	
	14/10		"	
	15/10		"	
	16/10.		<u>POSTINGS</u> The following officers posted to the Squadron. W.E.F. 16.10.39. from The School of Army-Co-operation - Old Sarum. P/O BURWELL R.H.C. P/O BENSON L.T.	

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QASABA.	16/10		P/O. HOLDSWORTH. C. W. P/O STEPHENSON R. R. P/O DRUCE D. M. B. P/O MACROSTIE K. E.	
	17/10		<u>DETACHMENT.</u> 'B' Flight detachment moved from AMRIYA to EL HAMMAM.	
	18/10		The Air Officer Commanding in Chief visited the Squadron.	
			<u>POSTINGS.</u> F/O JACKSON. C.I.A and F/O DEACON D.W. posted to the Squadron. Re-joining the R.A.F from the Army on mobilization	
	19/10		NO ENTRY	
	20/10		"	
	21/10		"	
	22/10		"	
MAATEN BAGUSH.	23/10		<u>SQUADRON MOVE.</u> The Squadron moved from QASABA to MAATEN BAGUSH. in the course of Command Exercise I of Combined Training. 'B' Flight returned from EL HAMMAM.	Operation Order No 3. App A. B.
	24/10		NO ENTRY	
	25/10		NO ENTRY	
	26/10		NO ENTRY	
	27/10		NO ENTRY	
	28/10		<u>SQUADRON MOVE.</u> The Squadron moved from MAATEN BAGUSH to QASABA.	Operation Order No 4.
QASABA.	29/10		NO ENTRY.	

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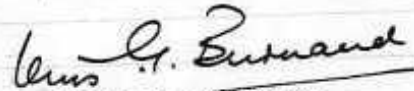
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QASABA.	30/10		Aircraft working from Advanced Landing Ground at MAATEN BAGUSH as required in Command Exercise No 2.
	31/10.		6 Sorties worked from MAATEN BAGUSH.


 for G. E. Eutward
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QASABA.	1-11-39	1	No Entry.	
	2-11-39	2	No Entry.	
	3-11-39	3	No Entry.	
	4-11-39	4	<u>POSTINGS</u> F/Lt C.I.A. Jackson returned to his army unit 6th R. Tank Regiment (H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. Letter S. H5215 20-10-39).	
	5-11-39	5	No Entry.	
	6-11-39	6	No Entry.	
	7-11-39	7	<u>CASUALTIES</u> The death took place as the result of severe burns, caused accidentally, of 537514 A.C.I. LINAKER.	
	8-11-39	8	No Entry.	
	8-11-39	8 9	<u>MOVEMENTS</u> "C" Flight proceeded to Heliopolis in accordance with instructions from H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. to conduct an army cooperation course.	Appendix "A"
	10-11-39	10	No Entry.	
	11-11-39	11	No Entry.	

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QASABA.	12-11-39	12	No Entry.	
	13-11-39	13	No Entry.	
	14-11-39	14	<u>MOVEMENTS</u> 'A' Flight moved back to Heliopolis in accordance with instructions from H.Q. British Troops Egypt, in order to carry out Army cooperation duties with 4th Indian Division in Cairo area.	Appendix "B"
HELIOPOLIS	15-11-39	15	<u>LOCATION</u> The Squadron has one flight ("B" Flight) established at R.A.F. Station, Heliopolis.	APPENDIX "B"
	16-11-39	16	No Entry.	
	17-11-39	17	No Entry.	
	18-11-39	18	No Entry.	
	19-11-39	19	No Entry.	
	20-11-39	20	No Entry.	
	21-11-39	21	No Entry.	
	22-11-39	22	No Entry.	
	23-11-39	23	No Entry.	

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HEMOPOLIS	24-11-39	24.	NO ENTRY.	
	25-11-39	25.	NO ENTRY.	
	26-11-39	26.	NO ENTRY.	
	27-11-39	27.	NO ENTRY.	
	28-11-39	28	<u>ATTACHMENTS</u> A/F/Lt J.R. WILSON attached attached to No 47 SQDN KHARTOUM to assist with an Army Cooperation Course.	
	29-11-39	29	No Entry.	
	30-11-39	30	<u>POSTINGS</u> P/O R.E.M. BLAKEWAY posted to NO 4 F.T.S. HABBAINIYA, IRAQ to undergo flying training.	

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HELIOPOLIS	1939. Dec. 1	1.	Location Squadron Headquarters and two flights at Helipolis	
Qasaba.	1939.	2.	'B' Flight detached at the Squadron Western Desert War Station QASABA.	
	Dec. 2.	3.	NIL ENTRY	
	Dec. 3.	4.	NIL ENTRY	
	Dec. 4.	5.	NIL ENTRY	
	Dec. 5.	6.	NIL ENTRY	
HELIOPOLIS	Dec. 6	7.	POSTINGS (i). Pilot Officer Q.T. GOAR posted to the Squadron from H.Q. R.A.F. M.E. for cypher duties W.E.F. 6.12.39	
		8.	(ii). Flight Lieutenants J. MacDougall (Captain D.C.L.I.), W.G. TAILYOUR (Captain Q.O. Cameron Highlanders), and R.H. HUMPHRIES (Captain Prince of Wales' Vols.) left the Squadron on posting to U.K.	
	Dec. 7	9	NIL ENTRY	
	Dec. 8	10.	NIL ENTRY.	
	Dec. 9	11	TRAINING. No I. Army Cooperation Course conducted by the Squadron concluded to day.	

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Helio Polis	Dec. 10.	12.	NIL. ENTRY	
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	Dec. 11	13.	POSTINGS. Flying Officer E.W. SEYMOUR-HOSLEY Pilot Officer DE. WAYMARK and Pilot Officer J.H. KIRTON posted to the Squadron at NO 1 Army Cooperation Course W.E.F. 11. 12. 39.	
	Dec. 12.	14.	NIL. ENTRY	
	Dec. 13	15.	NIL. ENTRY	
	Dec. 14	16.	NIL. ENTRY	
	Dec. 15.	17.	NIL. ENTRY	
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	Dec. 17	19.	NIL. ENTRY	
	Dec. 18.	20.	NIL. ENTRY	
	Dec. 19	21.	NIL. ENTRY.	
HELIO POLIS.	Dec. 20	22.	POSTINGS. Flight Lieutenant A.E. HILK posted to No 253 Wing W.E.F. 20. 12. 39.	

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QASABA.	Dec. 21 1939	23.	MOVEMENTS. "B" Flight began their move back to Heliopolis under instructions from H.Q. Royal Air Force Middle East. The air party arrived at Heliopolis to day.	
HELIO POLIS	Dec. 22.	24.	MOVEMENTS. The move of 'B' Flight from QASABA was completed to day when the road party arrived at Heliopolis.	
HELIO POLIS	Dec. 23.	25.	LOCATION. Squadron Headquarters and all flights at Heliopolis. Workshop personnel posted to Advanced Repair Section FUKA, and 102 M. U. Abu Sueir, at the outset of the war not yet posted back to the Squadron.	
	Dec. 24	26.	CHRISTMAS. Christmas holiday commenced after 'cease-work' to day.	
	Dec. 25	27.	NIL ENTRY	
	Dec. 26.	28.	NIL ENTRY	
	Dec. 27	29.	Christmas holiday ended.	
	Dec. 28	30.	NIL ENTRY.	
	Dec. 29.	31.	NIL ENTRY.	

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HEMOPOLIS	1939 Dec. 30	32.	New Year holiday commenced after 'close work' to day	
	Dec. 31.	33.	NIL.	

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