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Foreword and Acknowledgements

This project was undertaken by the History Group of the South Australian Aviation Museum Inc. as an Anzac Centenary project to commemorate South Australian airmen who served in the Great War.

The Museum was founded in 1984, is managed and operated entirely by volunteers and, other than occasional special-purpose grants, is self-funded on a not-for-profit basis. It is the only aviation museum in South Australia accredited by History SA to the National Standards for Museums and Galleries.

The Museum formed the History Group in 2005: to provide aviation historical information to members of the public and governments, and guidance to the Museum's Display Committee on new exhibits and displays; to collect oral history through interviews with significant aviators; and to research and write profiles of significant South Australian aviators, aircraft and historical aviation events for publication in the Museum's monthly newsletter and on its website.

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Chas's original history of the AFC was published in 1972, and his interest in this subject stretches back some decades to when many of these Great War aviators were still alive. For that reason Chas represents a unique and living link to this previously undocumented area of South Australian history.

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Introduction

A number of difficult decisions about the scope of this book had to be made. Firstly, it was decided that all South Australian airmen who served in the Great War should be commemorated. As well as pilots and observers, they include all ground personnel in the air services, such as air mechanics, riggers, fitters, armourers, drivers, technical staff, administrative staff, cooks and batmen. Chas Schaedel has confirmed that all Australian Great War airmen shared a close *esprit de corps*, and there was less division between the ground and flying staff than might be expected today.

Secondly, it was decided to add airmen born in Broken Hill to those born in South Australia, because of the historically close association of Broken Hill with the state, and because most of them enlisted in Adelaide.

Thirdly, it was decided to add a few selected airmen who were born in neither South Australia nor Broken Hill, but who either moved to South Australia as children and identified as South Australian, or who as a result of their post-war activities had very significant impacts on South Australia.

Fourthly, it was of course necessary to include all the air services. All the airmen commemorated in this book served in one or more of the Australian Flying Corps (AFC), the Royal Flying Corps (RFC), the Royal Naval Air Service (RNAS) or the Royal Air Force (RAF) after the amalgamation of the latter two services. The Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) was not formed until 1921 so is not included; neither is the interim Australian Air Corps (AAC), which filled the gap between the AFC and the RAAF from the beginning of 1920.

These decisions have resulted in the identification of 339 airmen to be included in this list. It must be noted, however, that while the South Australian Aviation Museum has made every effort to ensure all airmen fitting the above categories have been identified, it is possible and perhaps probable that some may have

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inadvertently been missed. Several men whose association with the flying services was very brief have been excluded; for example they may have been temporarily seconded to the AFC for a short time, or undertaken but failed an entry course.

It was originally intended to create separate lists of airmen according to the service and the capacities in which they served. However, this was not practicable, as many airmen moved between services and duties. Many were Australian Imperial Force (AIF) veterans whose army service may have overshadowed their records as airmen. Some of these men served with a flying service before reverting to the AIF. Then within the flying services themselves many men served in different capacities and different services throughout the war. For example, many observers and pilots were recruited from air mechanics and many moved between the AFC and RFC.

We have therefore decided to list all airmen in a single list and let their service records speak for themselves.

GLOSSARY

Glossary

AAC	Australian Air Corps
Admin	Administration
AFC (the)	Air Force Cross
AFC	Australian Flying Corps
AFM	Air Force Medal
AIF	Australian Imperial Force
aka	also known as
ANA	Australian National Airways
AWL	Away/Absent Without Leave
Capt	Captain
CBE	Commander of the Order of the British Empire
Cdr	Commander
CFS	Central Flying School
C-in-C	Commander in Charge
Cl	Class
CO	Commanding Officer
Co	Company
Col	Colonel
Cpl	Corporal
DCM	Distinguished Conduct Medal
Dept	Department
DFC	Distinguished Flying Cross
DFC*	Distinguished Flying Cross and Bar
DSC	Distinguished Service Cross
DSO	Distinguished Service Order
Dvn	Division
Drvr	Driver
Flt	Flight
Flt Cdr	Flight Commander
Flt Lt	Flight Lieutenant
FO	Flying Officer
Flt Sub Lt	Flight Sub Lieutenant
Gnr	Gunner
GCB	Knight Grand Cross of the Order of Bath
GCMG	Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St Michael and St George

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GOC	General Officer Commanding
Gp	Group
Gp Capt	Group Captain
Hon	Honourable
hp	Horsepower
HQ	Headquarters
Inf	Infantry
KBE	Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire
KCVO	Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order
KIA	Killed in Action
LAC	Leading Aircraftman
L/Cpl	Lance Corporal
Lt	Lieutenant
Lt Cdr	Lieutenant Commander
Lt Col	Lieutenant Colonel
MC	Military Cross
MC*	Military Cross and Bar
MIA	Missing in Action
MID	Mentioned in Despatches
MM	Military Medal
mph	Miles per hour
MSM	Meritorious Service Medal
NEI	Netherlands East Indies
NSW	New South Wales
OBE	Order of the British Empire
PMG	Post Master General
PO	Pilot Officer
POW	Prisoner of War
Pte	Private
Qld	Queensland
QMG	Quartermaster General
RAAF	Royal Australian Air Force
RAF	Royal Air Force
RAN	Royal Australian Navy
Regt	Regiment
RFA	Royal Field Artillery
RFC	Royal Flying Corps
RN	Royal Navy
RNAS	Royal Naval Air Service
SA	South Australia
Sgt	Sergeant

GLOSSARY

Sqdn	Squadron
Sqdn Cdr	Squadron Commander
TS	Training School
VC	Victoria Cross
WA	Western Australia
Wing Cdr	Wing Commander
WO	Warrant Officer
WO 1	Warrant Officer 1
WO 2	Warrant Officer 2
WW1	World War 1
WW2	World War 2

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Chapter 1

The Great War Flying Services

To set the context for the airmen listed in the following chapter it is useful to describe the various organisations in which they served, how and when they were formed, and in which theatres of the War the Australian corps operated.

The Australian Flying Corps

Before the Great War aviation was only emerging. Military aviation barely existed. Australia was particularly slow to recognise the military applications of aviation and it was not until 1912 that the government decided to take steps to train airmen for military service. It advertised in England for two 'mechanist aviators' to establish a Central Flying School (CFS), and appointed Henry Aloysius Petre and Eric Harrison, who were commissioned as honorary lieutenants of the new Aviation Instruction Staff. Notwithstanding this slow start, Australia was still one of very few countries outside Europe to establish military aviation prior to the outbreak of war.

Petre became the first commanding officer of the CFS on his arrival in Australia in January 1913, whereupon he surveyed several sites for the school and selected Point Cook in Victoria. The school was officially established on 7 March 1913.

The first course commenced on 17 August 1914, just after the outbreak of war on 28 July 1914, and graduated four pilots on 28 November 1914. One of these was Lieutenant Richard Williams, a South Australian who went on to a distinguished wartime record in the RFC and AFC and later an illustrious career in the RAAF.

Petre, by then Captain, together with Captain T.W. White and Lieutenant G.P. Mertz who had been trained on the first course, and Lieutenant W.H. Treloar who was trained in England, became the first unit of the AFC, known as the Mesopotamian Half Flight, on 20 April 1915.

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The CFS went on to conduct courses well into 1918, and while the first six trained only officers, the later courses included some non-commissioned officers. Before the end of the War at least 144 officers and non-commissioned officers had attended the various courses, but shortages of training aircraft and course schedules meant that not all were able to graduate in Australia. Some completed their training in England to graduate as pilots or observers. The CFS was supplemented by another school established by the New South Wales Government at Clarendon (which became RAAF Base Richmond). It graduated fifty pilots who mostly went on to serve with the British services. These facilities proved inadequate to supply the numbers of airmen required, which led to the establishment of the four AFC training squadrons in England described below.

From these inauspicious beginnings, the AFC went on to field eight squadrons operating in Mesopotamia, Egypt, the Sinai, Palestine, Britain and the Western Front during the War as units of the Australian Imperial Force. Australia was the only British Dominion to establish and field its own air force.

The Mesopotamian Half Flight was followed by the deployment of a full squadron to Egypt in 1916, then three more were formed in late 1916 and trained in England for service on the Western Front. 1 Squadron performed all roles throughout the Palestine campaign, including fighter, reconnaissance and bombing missions. Three more AFC squadrons (2, 3 and 4) became operational in 1917 and served on the Western Front in France. 2 and 4 Squadrons were predominantly fighter units while 3 Squadron performed reconnaissance and artillery-spotting duties.

A Training Wing, comprising four training squadrons (numbers 5, 6, 7 and 8), was established in England in late 1917 to provide replacement airmen and ground staff for the active squadrons. Trainees were selected from volunteers serving in other Australian units, including the infantry, light horse, artillery and engineers. The light horse was particularly favoured because horsemen were generally perceived to be more adventurous, with greater initiative and a more developed sense of balance necessary for flying. These squadrons trained a total of 3,720 men who served in the AFC

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during the War. All eight squadrons operated under the direction of the British Army as part of RFC Wings and were assigned RFC squadron numbers: No. 1 Sqn AFC, for example, being assigned No. 67 (Australian) Sqn RFC operating as part of the RFC's 5th and 40th Wings, for instance.

The Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Naval Air Service

Several hundred more Australian airmen enlisted in the RFC and the RNAS. Many of these enlistments early in the War were a result of the AFC's lack of resources to train them prior to 1917 and the individual's determination to serve in an aviation unit.

These services had their genesis in an April 1911 British War Office decision to form an Air Battalion at Farnborough consisting of two companies: No. 1 for balloons, kites and airships, and No. 2 for aeroplanes. At that time British forces could muster a total of only twelve aircraft and three airships.

In November 1911, the Committee of Imperial Defence formed a subcommittee to consider and make recommendations on the options for military aviation. It reported on 28 February 1912, recommending that a Flying Corps be set up consisting of army and naval air wings, a central training school and an aircraft factory. King George V then signed the Royal Warrant for the establishment of the RFC on 13 April 1912, under the direction of the British Army Director of Military Training. The British Army Wing of three squadrons was formed from the Royal Engineers' Air Battalion, with an emerging naval detachment forming the Naval Wing under the control of a new Air Department of the Admiralty.

The Royal Aero Club had begun training naval pilots through an agreement with the Admiralty as early as 1910. The Club provided two aircraft and members as instructors and carried out training of naval officers at its airfield at Eastchurch on the Isle of Sheppey off the northern coast of Kent. This was superseded in 1912 with the formation of the CFS at Upavon in Wiltshire in May 1912 after the formation of the RFC, although the Naval Wing was allowed to continue some use of Eastchurch.

Like the AFC, once war started the RFC gained most of its recruits through volunteers from other regiments. Applicants

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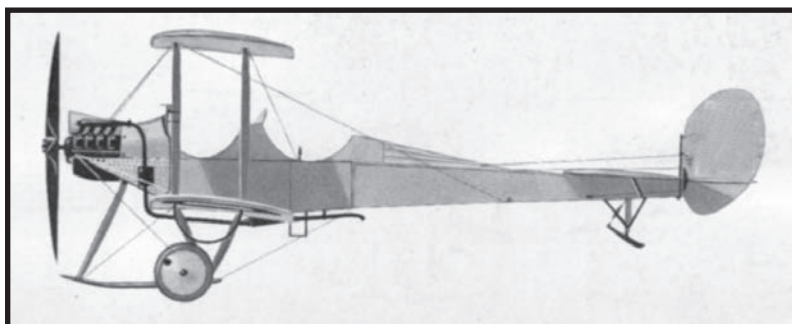
generally joined as cadets via a depot pool for basic training, then went to the School of Military Aeronautics at Reading or Oxford for theoretical training. Flying training was then carried out at training squadrons either in the UK or overseas. This system resulted in a poor standard of new pilots and a very high fatality rate during training, so by mid-1916 special schools were set up to teach aerial combat to graduates of the training schools by experienced combat pilots.

Both military and naval wings grew rapidly from their formation in 1912 with the approach of war. But as a result of inter-service rivalry and differing priorities and objectives, it was decided to re-form the naval wing of the RFC into a separate naval service called the Royal Naval Air Service. This new service came under the direct control of the Royal Navy on 1 August 1915.

By the middle of 1917 the inefficiencies of the two service organisation of air operations and the rivalry between them were so evident that General Jan Smuts, a member of the War Council, recommended that a new service arm at a level equal to the Army and Navy be formed. This resulted in the remaining British Army's RFC and the Royal Navy's RNAS being amalgamated again from 1 April 1918 and separated from those services to form the RAF under the control of a new Air Ministry.

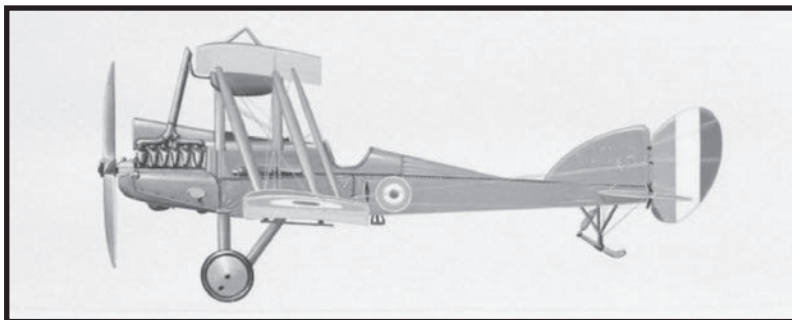
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Examples of Aircraft flown by Australians in the Great War



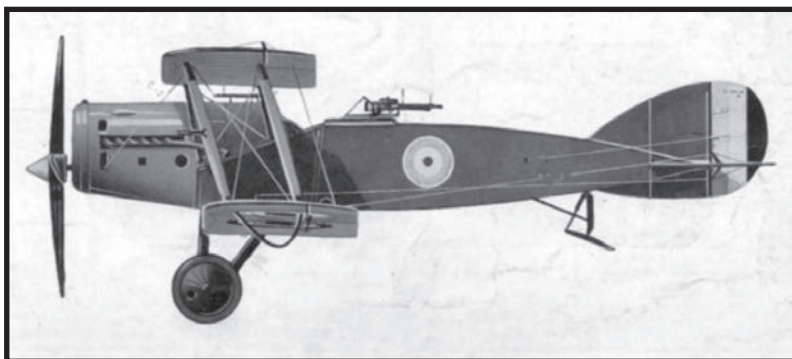
BE2 (70 hp Renault), maximum speed 73 mph.
Two examples of this type were used as trainers
at CFS Point Cook during WW1.

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BE12A (70 hp Renault),
maximum speed 73 mph.

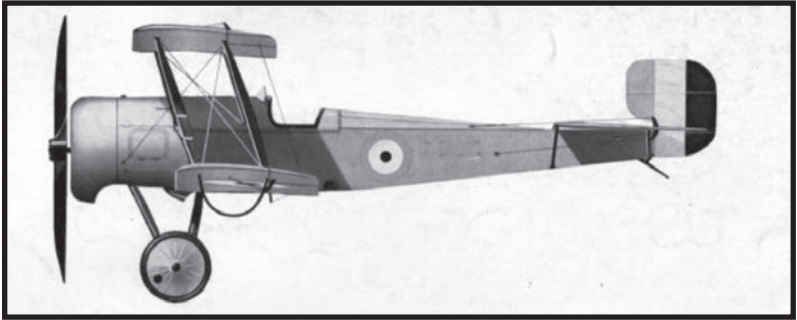
Used as escort scout by 1 AFC, the only recorded victory by the type scored by Lt L.T.E. Taplin in 1918.



Bristol F2B Fighter (Rolls-Royce Falcon 190–275 hp),
maximum speed 123 mph.
Armament: 1 x Vickers machine gun and 1 or twin Lewis guns.

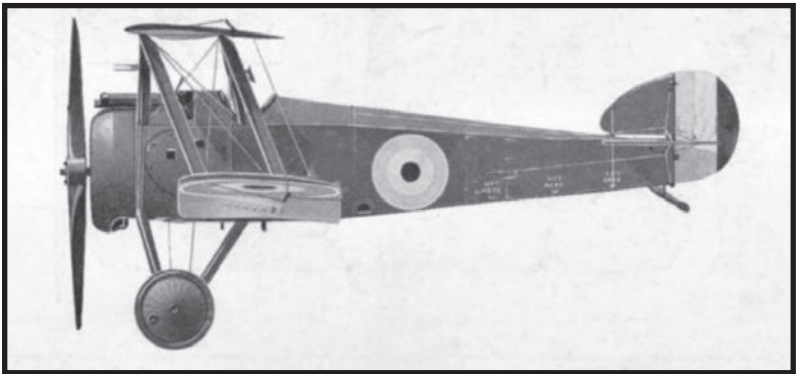
The machine which 1 AFC operated with great success
in the Middle East, and in which Ross Smith scored
the majority of his victories.

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Bristol Scout C and D (Gnome, Le Rhone, Clerget 80 hp),
maximum speed 92–95 mph.

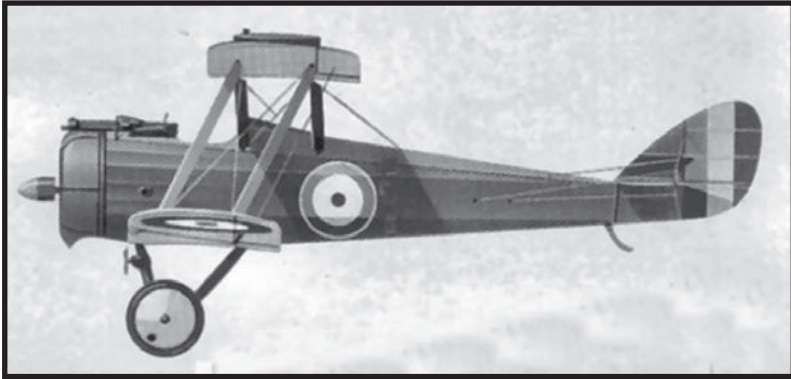
Early limited use by 1 AFC in Egypt; one example used by
Lt L.J. Wackett in experiments with synchronised machine gun.
Widely used in RFC and RNAS training units.



Sopwith Camel (Clerget 130 hp), maximum speed 113 mph.
Armament: 2 x Vickers machine guns.

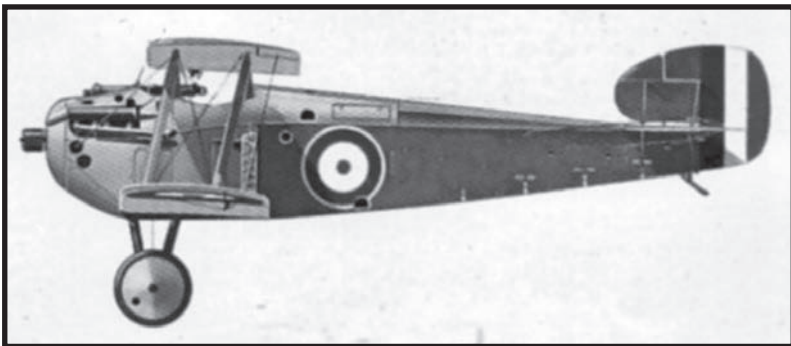
The equipment of 4 AFC until just before the Armistice.
Capt A.H. Cobby was the highest scoring AFC pilot,
gaining 29 victories while flying Camels.

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DH5 (Le Rhone 110 hp), maximum speed 102 mph.
Armament: 1 x Vickers machine gun.

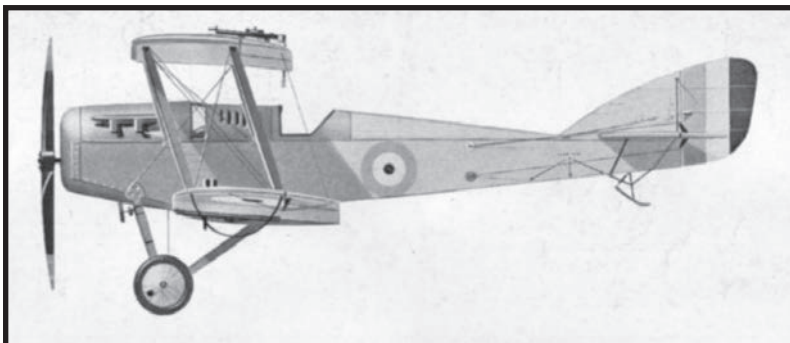
The original equipment of 2 AFC: too slow for effective air fighting, but acquitted itself quite well as a ground-attack aircraft during the Battle of Cambrai.



Sopwith Dolphin (Hispano-Suiza 200–300 hp),
maximum speed 128 mph.
Armament: 2 x Vickers machine guns plus 1 or 2 Lewis guns.

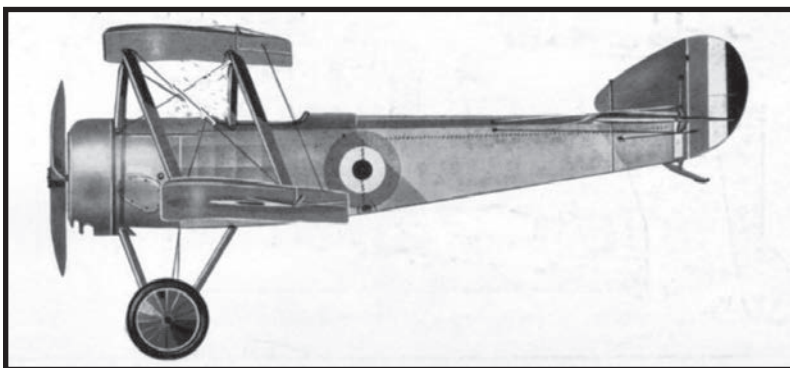
Not used operationally by AFC units, but very effective in the hands of RFC/RAF Australian pilots such as 'Jerry' Pentland and 'Jimmy' Larkin.

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Martinsyde G.100 (Beardmore 120 hp), maximum speed 95 mph.
Armament: 1 or 2 x Lewis guns.

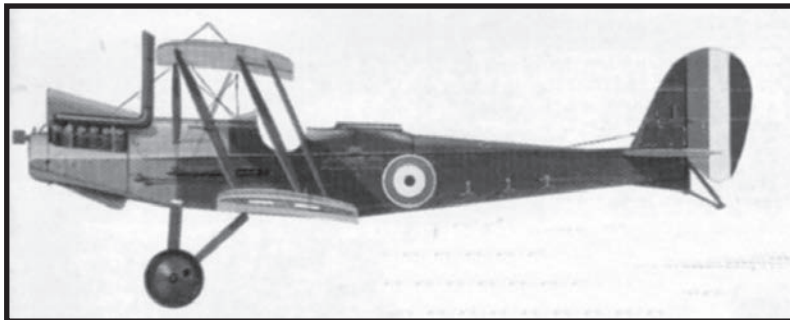
Operated as bomber and escort machine by 1 AFC in the Middle East, and was the type flown by Lt F.H. McNamara when he was awarded the VC.



Sopwith Pup (Le Rhone, Clerget, Gnome 80 hp),
maximum speed 111.5 mph.
Armament: 1 x Vickers machine gun.

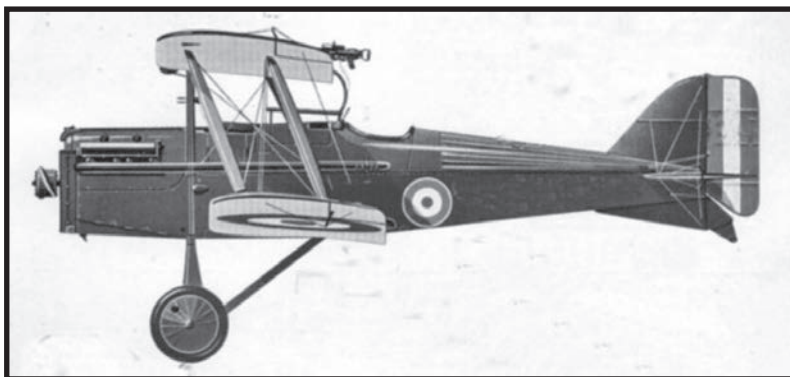
Not used operationally by AFC units, but in wide use
by training units.

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RE8 (RAF 4a-d 140–200 hp), maximum speed 102 mph.
Armament: 1 x Vickers machine gun and 1 x Lewis gun.

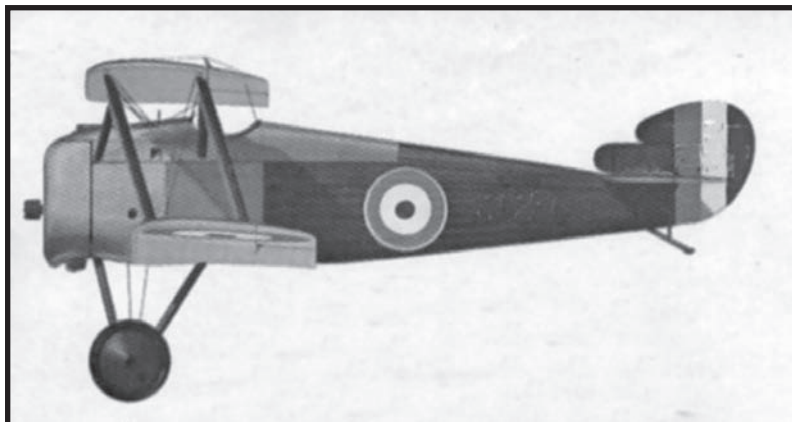
This reconnaissance machine performed well as the equipment of 3 AFC, and one crew brought down the Albatros DVa on display in the Australian War Memorial.



SE5A (Hispano-Suiza 200–220 hp, Wolseley Viper 200 hp),
maximum speed 132 mph.
Armament: 1 x Vickers machine gun and 1 x Lewis gun.

Replacing the DH5 as the equipment of 2 AFC late in 1917, the SE5A became the instrument that enabled a number of squadron pilots to achieve ace status.

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Sopwith Snipe (Bentley BR2 230 hp), maximum speed 121 mph.
Armament: 2 x Vickers machine guns and 1 or 2 x Lewis guns.

Introduced into France a few weeks before the Armistice to replace the Sopwith Camels of 4 AFC, the Snipe saw some very active service before the squadron flew their machines to Germany as part of the Army of Occupation.

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Chapter 3

List of South Australian Airmen of the Great War

The following list has been compiled according to the criteria described in the Introduction, and is the result of many decades of research by Chas Schaedel.

A total of 339 airmen are listed, almost all of whom saw service in the Great War. A couple of ‘specials’ – deemed worthy of inclusion, but who didn’t serve during the war – are E.V. Anderson (who died in the first RFC aerial collision in May 1914 prior to the beginning of hostilities) and G.F. Pearce, who was a long-serving federal senator who did much to promote the development of military aviation in Australia.

It should be noted that both Pearce and another South Australian, R. Williams (later Air Marshal Sir Richard), are both so highly regarded as founding figures of the RAAF that both have present-day air bases named after them: RAAF Pearce, outside Perth in Western Australia, and RAAF Williams in Victoria (comprising the sites at Laverton and Point Cook).

Among such luminaries the list contains such a variation of careers that it is hard to pick stand-outs, especially as many men served with distinction in various land services as well. Others had substantial post-war careers. However, there are several ‘aces’ among the list, the highest scoring of them being E. McCloughry with twenty-one victories (no AFC ace scored more than twenty-nine victories, although two Australians obtained higher scores flying with British services). Many of the men on this list were decorated, some with foreign awards. At least one is recorded as fighting in Russia as late as 1919.

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It is interesting to note that some of these men had flying service dating from the first years of the war. A few even had service with exotic-sounding units such as RNAS Armoured Cars! However, the great bulk of them served as Air Mechanics, generally in the period 1917–1918. At this time the AFC was actively supporting the war both in France (with three squadrons) and in the Middle East (with one squadron). A large training organisation was formed in England, and at one stage plans existed to enlarge the AFC from four to fifteen operational squadrons. Of course the war ended before these plans were fully implemented, but many of the men who were recruited and trained in 1918 must have been part of them. Despite these late recruits seeing little or no operational service, flying was a dangerous business in those days and accidents during training accounted for a fair portion of casualties.

Aside from E.V. Anderson, who as noted above was killed before the war began, a further twenty-nine men died during their service as airmen (as listed in the Appendix). Deaths occurred in all theatres, including Palestine, France and even India. Of these men, eleven are named on the AFC list on the Adelaide North Terrace War Memorial, and a further four are on the RFC list on the same memorial. One man, R.A. Davey, died at sea while serving with the Balloon Service of the RNAS. He is included in the RN list on the North Terrace Memorial. However, the remaining thirteen South Australian airmen are not named under these categories on the Memorial. Further research may warrant their inclusion.

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ABBOTT, Arthur Valentine Rutherford. Born 14/2/1892 in Broken Hill, NSW. Law student. Enlisted 26/5/1916 Perth, WA. Embarked 14/2/1917 as Gnr, 10th Field Artillery Brigade 10th Reinforcements on RMS *Osterley* from Melbourne. 11/4/1917 England and Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery. 31/7/1917 transferred as Pte, AFC. 3/8/1917 to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading as 2 Air Mechanic. 3/2/1918 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot, AFC. 3/5/1918: Lt. 2/4/1918 temporary Flt Cdr. 16/5/1918 posted to 7 Training Sqdn AFC as instructor. 12/12/1918 posted overseas to France to replace 1915 personnel 3 AFC. 28/2/1919 evacuated to RAF Hospital in London with influenza. 22/11/1919 returned to Perth; 29/12/1919 appointment terminated as Lt, AFC. In 1921 he became one of the original pilots for Brearley's WA Airways airline, after which he remained active in commercial aviation and the Royal Aero Club of WA. In 1939 Abbott entered politics and was the first aviator in the WA State Parliament. In WW2 he served in the RAAF from 1939 until 24/9/1945 on administration duties as Sqdn Leader, then resumed as a Member of the Legislative Assembly; 1948–1953 he was Attorney General and Minister for Fisheries. He died in 1975.

AIR, Henry James. Born 6/6/1890 in Penola, SA. Enlisted 5/9/1914 AIF. Embarked 20/10/1914 as Pte, 12th Infantry Battalion from Hobart. He served in Gallipoli and France, was discharged from the AIF and commissioned as Second Lt, RFC on 17/3/1917 for pilot training. He resigned his commission and served in France with Infantry Battalion. After the Armistice he returned to Australia 25/12/1918; appointment terminated 23/2/1919 as Lt, 50th Infantry Battalion.

ALLEN, Edgar James. Born 1876 in Nairne, SA. Enlisted 30/3/1915. Embarked 6/1915 as Pte, 12th Infantry Battalion Reinforcements. He

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served in Egypt and France, transferred to the AFC 30/4/1917 and served as 2 Air Mechanic Motor Drvr at 5 Training Sqdn AFC and AFC Wing HQ in England. After the Armistice he returned to Adelaide 14/6/1919; discharged 20/10/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

ALTMANN, Charles Clark. Born 27/3/1895 in Port Lincoln, SA. Enlisted 17/11/1914, Pte Australian Army Medical Corps Melbourne. Embarked 5/12/1914 as Pte, 1st Australian General Hospital and served in Egypt and England. Returned to Australia and was discharged medically unfit 28/12/1915. Re-enlisted 15/10/1917 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC and embarked 9/11/1917. Served in England and posted as Cadet for pilot training 2/11/1918. Appointed Second Lt, AFC 1/4/1919. Returned to Melbourne 21/6/1919; appointment terminated 14/7/1919 as Second Lt, AFC. In WW2 he served in the RAAF as Sqdn Leader on discharge in 1945.

ANDERSON, Ernest Vivian. Born 4/6/1887 in Delamere, SA. Commissioned Capt with the Black Watch in England and graduated as pilot, Royal Aero Club Certificate 247, 16/7/1912. He was killed in a 5 RFC Sopwith Biplane 324 with passenger, Air Mechanic Carter, 12/5/1914 in the first aerial collision suffered by the RFC. The pilot of the other aircraft, Lt C.W. Wilson, was injured. (Considered worthy of inclusion because of proximity to the beginning of WW1.)

ANGAS, Dudley Theyer. Born 10/5/1892 in Lindsay Park, SA. Enlisted in England 22/9/1914. Commissioned Lt, RNAS Armoured Cars and served in German South-West Africa, later Engineer Officer, RNAS at Yarmouth in England. He was invalided back to Australia in 1917 and had a brief involvement in SA civil aviation after the war. He died 11/11/1942.

ANGUS, John Stanley Douglas. Born 24/11/1889 in Millicent, SA. Enlisted Adelaide 31/8/1915. Embarked 27/10/1915 as Pte, 16th Infantry Battalion; served in Egypt and France. 14/11/1916 transferred to No. 1 RFC Officers Cadet Battalion, England. 2/3/1917 to School of Military Aviation Oxford. 12/4/1917 was discharged from the AIF and commissioned Second Lt, RFC for elementary instruction in flying. 14/6/1917 gained Royal Aero Club Certificate 4908. 19/6/1918 resigned his commission. Returned to Australia. He died 17/3/1974 in Adelaide.

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Officers and cadets at AFC Training Wing HQ, 1918



A BE2c of 1AFC being prepared for take-off in Palestine, 1917

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ASHENDEN, Ralph Gilbert. Born 9/4/1897 in Goodwood, SA. Enlisted 16/11/1915 Adelaide. 28/4/1916 embarked as Pte, 9 Light Horse Regt Reinforcements. 10/8/1916 transferred to Camel Corps Egypt. 23/1/1918 attached to 1 AFC as batman. 12/8/1918 attached to RAF 'X' support Flt for Lawrence of Arabia. 16/10/1918 rejoined 1 AFC as batman. 13/4/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged 28/5/1919 as Pte, 1 AFC. He died 17/1/1972 in Adelaide.

AULD, Michael. Born 25/11/1899 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 16/1/1918 Adelaide. 6/2–15/5/1918: 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Laverton. 16/5–27/11/1918 Air Cadet 11th Course. After the Armistice he was discharged at Mitcham Camp, Adelaide, due to cessation of hostilities.

BAIN, Grant Ross (aka Ross-Bain). Born 5/2/1893 in Semaphore, SA. 4/8/1914 commissioned Second Lt, 7th Battalion Manchester Regt in England. Served in Egypt, including presumably Gallipoli, then France (the regiment was posted to Egypt in 1914, took part in the Gallipoli campaign, then fought the Turks in Egypt until posted to France in 1917). Bain transferred to the RAF in 1918 and gained Royal Aero Club Certificate 6828, 18/12/1918.

BAKER, Robert John. Born 29/10/1886 in Lower North Adelaide, SA. Enlisted AIF 21/10/1915 Adelaide. 13/1/1916 Pte (Air Mechanic), AFC Laverton. Embarked 16/3/1916 as Pte, 1 AFC from Melbourne. Served in the Middle East and re-mustered as 2 Air Mechanic (aero engine). 13/4/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged 12/6/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, 1 AFC.

BAKER, Thomas Charles Richmond. Born 2/5/1897 in Smithfield, SA. Enlisted 29/7/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 22/11/1915 as Pte 1st Reinforcements, 6th Field Artillery Brigade for Egypt. 17/3/1916 sailed to join the British Expeditionary Force in France. 20/1/1917 was awarded the MM 'for bravery in the field', Bar to the MM was announced 21/8/1917 'for conspicuous services'. 25/9/1917 to AFC England from France. 5/10/1917 to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading as 2 Air Mechanic. 23/1/1918 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC Minchinhampton for elementary instruction in aviation. 27/3/1918 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot. 15/6/1918 overseas to France to 4 AFC. 27/6/1918: Lt. 24/10/1918 temporary Flt Cdr and temporary

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Capt. He was KIA on 4/11/1918, with a total victory score of twelve. 29/11/1918 awarded the DFC: 'This officer has carried out some forty low-flying raids on hostile troops, aerodromes etc., and has taken part in numerous offensive patrols; he has in addition destroyed eight hostile machines. In all these operations he has shown exceptional initiative and dash, never hesitating to lead his formation against overwhelming odds, nor shrinking from incurring personal danger.' His late father, Richmond Baker, had died on the same date ten years earlier on 4/11/1908.

BARRETT, Arthur George (Sir Arthur Barrett). Born 7/5/1895 in Geelong, Victoria. Maltster. Educated Melbourne Church of England Grammar School, moved to Adelaide 1913. 12/9/1916 enlisted AIF. 23/12/1916 embarked as Gnr, Australian Field Artillery Reinforcements. May 1917 arrived in France; served in France and Belgium in the 2nd Siege Battery (55th Battery Siege Artillery?). 11/1917 transferred to AFC. Graduated as Second Lt FO observer 12/2/1918 – to No. 3 AFC France. Promoted to Lt 12/5/1918. 24/6/1918 with Lt F.M. Lock on aircraft RE8 A3665 force-landed on aerodrome after combat. 12/8/1918 again with Lt Lock, on aircraft RE8 E234, was shot down by ground fire, but was OK. 29/9/1918 flying with pilot J.B. Tait, with three SE5 aircraft, drove off four strafing Halberstadts. MID gazetted 11/7/1919. Returned to Australia 8/1919; appointment terminated 21/9/1919. On Adelaide City Council 1931–1937, was Lord Mayor of Adelaide 1937–1941, then Alderman on the City Council until 1953. In WW2 he was wartime director of recruiting for the Air Training Corps, 1940–1945 RAAF Recruiting SA, 1942–1946 Wing Cdr of the Air Training Corps in SA. He was made a Knight Bachelor in 1942. He was Chairman of the Red Cross for fifteen years and SA President and national Vice-president of the National Heart Foundation. In business he was SA manager of Barrett Bros Pty Ltd and a member of the Stock Exchange, a director of Barrett Bros & Burston, maltsters, and Walter Reynell & Co, vignerons. He died in Adelaide 27/6/1984.

BARSON, George Frederick. Born 19/5/1896 in Port Pirie, SA. Enlisted 6/3/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 31/5/1915 as L/Cpl, 27th Infantry Battalion. Served in Gallipoli, Egypt and with 7th Brigade Machine Gun Company in France. 26/8/1916 mentioned for good

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and excellent conduct during hard fighting at Pozières. 29/9/1916 temporary Cpl. 28/11/1917 transferred as 2 Air Mechanic to the AFC. 1/2/1918 to 2 School of Military Aviation Oxford as Cadet. 30/5/1918 transferred to 7 Training Sqdn, AFC Leighterton. 28/7/1918 graduated as Second Lt pilot, after further training transferred to 1st Wing Pilots Pool 4/10/1918. Returned to Adelaide 4/5/1919; appointment terminated 6/7/1919. In WW2 he served as Lt, 2nd Battalion Volunteer Defence Corps 1942–1945. His nephew, Sqdn Leader Robert Barson Cowper, won the DFC* in WW2.

BASSE, Frederick. Born 16/12/1892 in Renmark, SA. Enlisted 16/8/1917 Mt Pleasant. Embarked 26/11/1917 as 2 Air Mechanic, No. 1 Special Draft AFC. 15/2/1918 England. 4/3/1918 6 Training Sqdn AFC Minchinhampton, 2 Air Mechanic Motor Drvr. 7/6/1918 2 School of Military Aviation Oxford for pilot training as Cadet. 31/8/1918 to 7 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 19/1/1919 Second Lt FO pilot, AFC. 19/4/1919: Lt. 12/9/1919 returned to Adelaide; 5/10/1919 appointment terminated as Lt, AFC. In WW2 he served in the Australian Army 22/9/1942–11/6/1943 as Capt, 4th Garrison Battalion.

BAWDEN, Herbert Leonard. Born 23/5/1889 in Dry Creek, SA. Enlisted 3/2/1916 Melbourne and appointed Pte 1 Air Mechanic, 1 AFC. Embarked 16/3/1916 and served in Egypt and Palestine. 27/8/1917 re-mustered as 1 Air Mechanic fitter & turner. 1/3/1918 Cpl. 18/12/1918 Cpl Mechanic. 26/2/1919 returned to Adelaide. 5/3/1919 MID by General Sir E.E.H. Allenby. 15/4/1919 discharged as Cpl, 1 AFC. He died 4/3/1957 near Adelaide.

BELT, Francis Walter. Born 30/4/1862 in Adelaide, SA. 1894 member of Horn Scientific Expedition in Central Australia. 1900–1901 Trooper 2nd SA Mounted Rifles, Boer War. 22/12/1914 enlisted in England as Lt, RN Volunteer Reserve. 7/1915: Lt Cdr RN Dvn. Until late 1917 served with RNAS Armoured Cars to the rank of Lt Cdr. 11/11/1917 awarded the DSO, also Russian Order of St Anne and St Stanislas, Croce di Guerra (Italy). 1918 to USA on special naval service. Appointment terminated 1/3/1919; returned to Adelaide to wind up business, then lived in England and France. He died 21/8/1938 in Montreux, Switzerland.

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BENSON, Clarence Herbert. Born 22/2/1892 in Norwood, SA. Enlisted 11/5/1917 Adelaide. 1/7/1917 appointed Sapper, Special Draft Reinforcements Signals Service. Embarked 3/9/1917 from Sydney for Egypt. 13/7/1918 to 2 Signals Sqdn. 4/9/1918 AFC trade test. 14/9/1918 to 16 Course of Instruction 3 Cadet Wing RAF. 21/10/1918 to 3 School of Military Aviation Heliopolis. 1/11/1918 joined Cadet School as Cadet. 14/5/1919 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot. 20/11/1919 returned to Adelaide; 21/1/1920 appointment terminated as Second Lt, AFC and 1st Signals Sqdn. In WW2 he enlisted in the Australian Army in 1942 and held the rank of Lt Col, Signals Section in a part-time capacity.

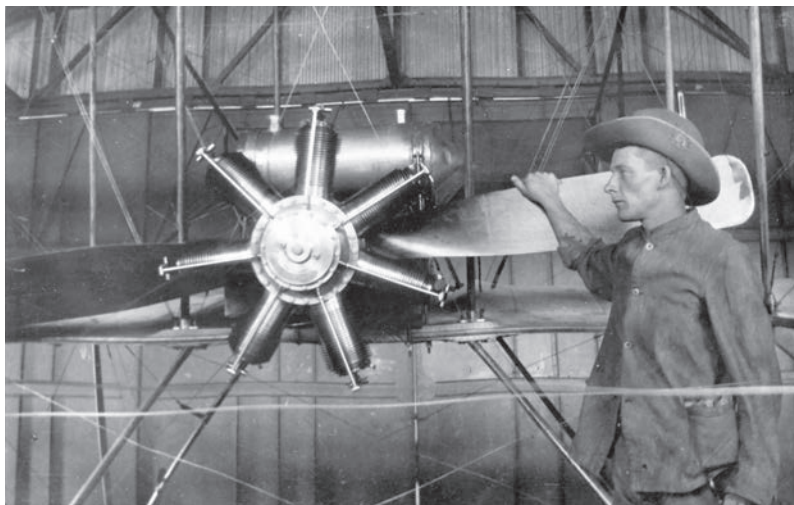


Lt Robert Berriman saw active service with the 43rd Infantry Battalion before transferring to the AFC and graduating as a pilot. Posted to 4 AFC in France shortly before the Armistice, here he sits in a Sopwith Snipe in 1919 at Bickendorf where the squadron formed part of the British Army of Occupation.

BERRIMAN, Robert Harold. Born 25/12/1895 in Prospect, SA. Enlisted 8/5/1916 Adelaide. Embarked 28/8/1916, 3rd Reinforcements 43rd Infantry Battalion for England. 23/11/1916 L/Cpl. 25/11/1916 overseas to 43rd Battalion France. 20/6/1917 Cpl. 14/8/1917 temporary Sgt. 20/8/1917 Second Lt, 43rd Battalion. 24/11/1917: Lt. 22/12/1917 transferred to AFC and returned

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to England. 4/1/1918 to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading. 26/3/1918 posted to 8 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 30/7/1918 graduated as FO pilot. 3/11/1918 overseas to France to 4 AFC. 11/3/1919 returned to England. 12/12/1919 returned to Adelaide; 27/1/1920 appointment terminated as Lt, AFC. In WW2 he served in the RAAF as Sqdn Leader.



Allen Betteridge is seen here examining the 50-hp Gnome engine of a Bristol Boxkite at CFS, Point Cook, during his initial instruction as an air mechanic. He went on to serve in the Middle East with 1 AFC and was MID for his modifications to bomb-release gear.

BETTERIDGE, Allen Rupert. Born 11/10/1891 in Pt Augusta, SA. Pre-WW1 he built gliders and engines and in 1912 became the first man in SA to fly an aeroplane of his own design. Enlisted AIF 14/10/1915 Adelaide. Transferred to AFC 14/3/1916 Melbourne. Embarked 2nd Reinforcements AFC 25/7/1916, served in the Middle East with 1 AFC as Air Mechanic. 22/12/1916 re-mustered from batman to Motor Transport Driver at Mustabig. 27/8/1917 re-mustered as fitter and turner 2 Air Mechanic. 1 Air Mechanic 1/1/1918; invented a machine gun synchronising gear and a new type of bomb sight (neither adopted by authorities). MID for modifying bomb release gear. Found ancient mosaic floor which was sent to London's South

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Kensington Museum. Post-Armistice he returned to Adelaide 13/4/1919; discharged 21/5/1919 as Cpl, 1 AFC. He continued inventing until his death in Adelaide 2/7/1973.

BLAXLAND, Gregory Hamilton. Born 10/3/1896 in Broken Hill, NSW. Educated St Peter's College. Electrical engineer. Enlisted 15/12/1914 Guildford, WA. Embarked 17/2/1915 as Pte, C Company 10th Australian Light Horse Regt for Egypt. 16/5/1915 to Gallipoli. 24/9/1915 evacuated sick with enteric condition to Malta, then England and admitted to hospital. 11/9/1916 transferred to 16th Battalion and 22/9/1916 overseas to France. 5/12/1916 wounded in action – gunshot wound to right foot – evacuated to hospital in England. 9/6/1917 transferred as 2 Air Mechanic to AFC and 15/6/1917 attached to 6 Training Sqdn AFC. 27/8/1917 attached to 5 Training Sqdn AFC for instruction. 8/11/1917 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot AFC. 8/2/1918 promoted to Lt. 21/2/1918 overseas to France and 2 AFC. 4/5/1918 held responsible for mistakenly shooting down a French Spad aircraft. 12/5/1918 returned to Home Establishment England. 13/6/1918 posted as Instructor, 8 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 1/7/1918 admitted to hospital – injured in aero accident. 30/8/1918 resumed flying duties. 2/10/1918 rejoined 2 AFC in France. Altogether credited with eight victories. 9/11/1918 promoted to temporary Capt Flt Cdr and began 1914–18 Anzac Leave. 19/12/1918 returned to England. 5/3/1919 embarked for return to Australia. 23/4/1919 disembarked Sydney; 25/6/1919 appointment terminated as Capt FO pilot, AFC. He died 25/8/1969.

BOND, Albert George. Born 17/6/1895 in Parkside, SA. The family business was Bonds Tours. Enlisted 17/5/1915. Embarked 20/5/1915 as Pte, 3 Australian General Hospital. Motor driver in Mudros during the Gallipoli campaign and in Egypt. Returned to Australia and joined AFC Laverton 14/9/1916. Embarked 25/10/1916 as 2 Air Mechanic, 2 AFC for England. 22/1/1917 re-mustered from motorcyclist to Motor Transport Driver. 19/8/1917 overseas to France with 3 AFC. 1/12/1917: 1 Air Mechanic. 21/4/1918 was a member of the party detailed to retrieve the crashed Fokker Triplane and body of Baron Manfred von Richthofen. 3/3/1919 returned to England from France. 26/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged 13/8/1919 as 1 Air Mechanic, 3 AFC. He operated the family bus company as

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Bonds Tours after his discharge. He underwent pilot training and branched out into commercial aviation with Bonds Airways Ltd. His eldest son, Max, was killed in a crash at Broken Hill 8/6/1952, and Bond himself died in Adelaide 13/11/1974.

BOWEN, Eric Arthur. Born 15/1/1898 in Grange, SA. Enlisted Adelaide 18/9/1916 Motor Transport Driver. 18/9–10/10/1916 Pte, 2 Depot Battalion AIF. 27/3/1917 permission granted to go to Melbourne as applicant for transfer to AFC. 4/4/1917 enlisted Pte, 11th Reinforcements AFC Laverton. 4/8/1917 embarked from Melbourne. 2/10/1917 disembarked Glasgow to AFC Depot Wendover. 7/6/1918 to 2 School of Military Aviation Oxford, then 1 School of Military Aviation Reading for training as FO observer 2 Air Mechanic, appointed Cadet. 21/9/1918 graduated as Second Lt FO observer. 27/10/1918 overseas to France to 3 AFC. 21/12/1918: Lt. 8/3/1919 left France for England. 6/5/1919 embarked for return to Australia. 14/6/1919 arrived Adelaide; 14/7/1919 appointment terminated as Second Lt, AFC.

BOWERING, Walter Ronald. Born 7/3/1895 in Alberton, SA. Enlisted Melbourne and served fourteen months as an air mechanic with the Aviation Instructional Staff at Central Flying School Point Cook. When the Aviation Instructional Staff was disbanded in September 1918, he enlisted in the AFC. Embarked for England 22/10/1918 (?), but the Armistice intervened before the ship left Fremantle and he returned to be discharged 9 /5/1919 as Cpl, AFC. He continued to live in Adelaide and died there 23/8/1960.

BRAUND, Archibald Samuel Thomas. Born 28/9/1884 in Gawler, SA. Enlisted 21/8/1916 Pte, AFC and arrived in England with 3 AFC 28/12/1916. Posted to France 24/8/1917 when the squadron went into action. After the Armistice he returned to Adelaide; discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, 3 AFC 22/7/1919. He returned to his fruit block at Renmark and died there 12/5/1938 at age fifty-four.

BRICE, George Hartley. Born 1/10/1896 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted Adelaide 4/3/1918; 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Laverton. Sailed from Sydney 8/5/1918, landed England 10/7/1918, then was hospitalised with cerebrospinal meningitis until 7/11/1918. Returned to Adelaide 18/2/1919; discharged 5/3/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

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BRIGGS, Francis Stewart. Born 18/9/1897 in Calcutta, India, and went to Adelaide as a boy. Enlisted Adelaide 23/8/1915. Embarked as Pte, 3 Light Horse Regt Reinforcements 11/1/1916, transferred to Artillery and served in Egypt and France. 14/11/1916 detached to No. 1 RFC Officer Cadet Battalion England. 24/2/1917 to School of Military Aviation Oxford as Cadet. 16/3/1917 discharged from AIF to commission as Second Lt, RFC. Trained as pilot and graduated as Second Lt FO pilot, RFC. Posted as Instructor, then test flying at Orfordness Test and Experimental Station. 12/1917 No. 1 School of Aerial Navigation and Bomb Dropping at Stonehenge. 9/1918 similar school in Egypt. 1/1919 No. 2 School of Aerial Navigation and Bomb Dropping at Andover. 4/1919 No. 2 Communications Sqdn, 86th Wing, RAF. In the next four months he flew many VIPs across the Channel during peace treaty talks. Returned to Australia and 6/1920 was engaged by Clement John de Garis as a pilot for a Boulton & Paul P9 aircraft. 6/7/1920 Mildura–Sydney in one day. 9/7/1920 Sydney–Melbourne in one day. 13–19/8/1920 he made an unsuccessful attempt to take part in flying mail from Port Augusta to Sydney for the Prince of Wales. 8/9/1920 came second to Harry Butler in Australia's first Aerial Derby held in Adelaide (South Australian Aerial Derby). 30/11–2/12/1920 flew Melbourne–Perth with de Garis and mechanic, O.J. Howard, in a DH4 aircraft. 14/12–16/12/1920 flew Perth–Sydney. 18/12/1920 Sydney–Melbourne. First to complete the round trip Melbourne–Perth–Melbourne. 9/1–11/1/1921 Melbourne–Brisbane in a DH4 with de Garis and mechanic, Sgt George Bond. 16/1/1921 Brisbane–Melbourne in one day in a DH4 with de Garis and Bond. 16–19/3/1921 flew Melbourne–Perth in a DH4 with de Garis and Bond and returned the aircraft by ship. 24/4/1921 de Garis gave up flying but Briggs still flew the DH4 for him. 26/9–5/10/1921 first flight Melbourne–Alice Springs return, film flight with Francis Birtles and mechanic George Bailey in DH4. 4/1922 employed by Australian Aerial Services (H.J. Larkin) at Melbourne. 2/6/1924 Larkin's Adelaide–Sydney service began: Frank Roberts flew Adelaide–Hay, Briggs flew Hay–Sydney the next day. Briggs flew the return flight Sydney–Adelaide 7–8/6/1924. 4/8/1929 flew a Lascoter aircraft from Melbourne to Adelaide for the opening of Larkin's Australian Aerial

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Services aerodrome opposite Parafield on 5/8/1929 by Governor Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven. Circa 1930 he left Larkin's to be Shell Co rep at Perth, 1934 posted Shell Co rep at Archerfield. In WW2 he served in the RAAF until discharged 1/7/1947 as FO. Later he started his own business (restaurant) in Manly, NSW, then taxi driving. He died 1967 aged sixty-nine.

BROWN, Roy Glenloth. Born 1/11/1892 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted Sale, Victoria, 28/8/1916. Served in England and France with 3 AFC. After the Armistice he returned as Cpl Mechanic to Adelaide. He died 1978.

BRUCE, Talbot Baines. Born 20/8/1897 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted England and commissioned Second Lt, RFC 8/7/1916. Graduated as FO pilot and posted to 3 RFC France. He was forced down in enemy territory 6/11/1917, but evaded capture for thirteen weeks before escaping to Holland. He remained in the RAF and became Group Capt in WW2. He wrote the book *Missing*, describing his experiences behind enemy lines.

BUCHANAN, John Grant. Born 13/5/1884 in Wilmington, SA. Enlisted AIF 4/12/1916 Melbourne, appointed 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Laverton. Embarked *Shropshire* 11/5/1917 to England, then went to France with 3 AFC 24/8/1917. After the Armistice he returned to Melbourne 13/6/1919. Discharged at Adelaide 14/7/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

BUDDLE, Leslie William. Born 22/5/1898 in Clarendon, SA. Enlisted AIF Adelaide 6/5/1918. Transferred as 2 Air Mechanic fitter, AFC Laverton 27/8/1918. Discharged medically unfit Adelaide 10/2/1920.

BURCHELL, Frederic Vernon. Born circa 1892 in Semaphore, SA. Enlisted 5/10/1916 Sydney. 17/1/1917 embarked as L/Cpl, 4 AFC from Melbourne. 27/3/1917 landed in England and stationed Castle Bromwich as 2 Air Mechanic. 16/4–24/6/1917 attended Wireless School Farnborough. 1/7/1917: 1 Air Mechanic. 8/3/1918 overseas to France to 3 AFC. 7/5/1918 hospitalised with injured back and arm. 9/8/1918 discharged to General Service (Maps) GHQ 1st Echelon pending investigation into invention re Field Sound Ranging.

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23/12/1918 rejoined unit. 12/2/1919 discharged in England and was employed by Wandsworth Electrical Manufacturing Co to return to Australia as company representative. He died in Adelaide 25/6/1927.

Norman Burnell (right) transferred to the AFC after service with the Artillery in Egypt and France and graduated as a pilot in 1918. He was posted to 3 AFC in France shortly before the Armistice and is seen here with Queenslander Henry Biddle, who served as an observer with the squadron from the end of 1917 and had just rejoined 3 AFC from sick leave about the same time as Burnell arrived.



BURNELL, Norman Richard. Born 26/3/1897 in Broken Hill, NSW. Photographer. Enlisted 29/7/1915 Keswick, SA. Embarked 11/1/1916 as Pte, 10th Infantry Battalion 13th Reinforcements from Adelaide for Egypt. 26/2/1916 transferred to 50 Battalion at Tel-el-Kebir from Zeitoun. 14/3/1916 transferred to 4th Dvn Artillery. 7/4/1916 transferred to HQ. 3/6/1916 embarked to join British Expeditionary Force France. 10/5/1917 transferred to 4 Dvn Signals Company. 7/6/1917 transferred to AFC England as 2 Air Mechanic. 1/2/1918 to 2 School of Military Aviation Oxford as Cadet for pilot training. 28/7/1918 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot, AFC. 28/10/1918: Lt. 27/10/1918 overseas to France and to 3 AFC. 3/3/1919 returned to England. 6/5/1919 embarked for return to Australia and arrived

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14/6/1919 Adelaide; 6/8/1919 appointment terminated as Lt FO pilot, AFC. After WW1 he conducted a photography business at Unley in SA. He served in the RAAF during WW2 until discharged as Flt Lt on 31/12/1945. He died April 1978 in Adelaide.

BURTON, Roy. Born 7/4/1891 in Adelaide, SA. Engine fitter and aeroplane mechanic; 1915 member of Kalgoorlie Aeroplane Syndicate. 14/1/1916 enlisted AFC and embarked as Pte, 1 AFC 16/3/1916 from Melbourne, served Egypt and Palestine. Graduated as Second Lt FO pilot 13/11/1917, flew with 1 AFC. He was badly injured in a crash 7/6/1918. Returned to Melbourne 4/9/1918; discharged 2/3/1919. He served in the Reserve of Officers until 1942. He died in NSW 1966.



Harry Butler (right) realised his pre-war dream of flying by making his own way to England to join the RFC and becoming a pilot, with eventual promotion to captain and the award of an AFC for his work as a chief fighting instructor. He returned to SA after the war to form the Harry J. Butler & Kauper Aviation Company with Harry Kauper (left). With this Bristol Monoplane and an Avro 504K, Butler flew with great effect to prove the possibilities of aviation to the general public.

BUTLER, Henry John ('Harry'). Born 9/11/1889 in Koolywurtie near Minlaton, SA. He built model aeroplanes, and from 1913 assisted C.W. Wittber with his Farman-type aeroplane. 1915 went to England and joined the RFC, qualified as pilot 29/9/1916. He became Chief Fighting Instructor at No. 2 School of Aerial Fighting. 1918 was awarded the AFC. After the war he returned to Adelaide

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in 1919 with a Bristol M1C monoplane and an Avro 504K biplane, and claimed the first Australian 'overseas' airmail service when he flew the Bristol across Gulf St Vincent to Minlaton on 6/8/1919. Formed the Harry J. Butler & Kauper Aviation Co in 1919. He was badly injured in an Avro crash on 10/1/1922. He died 30/7/1924.

CALDWELL, Alexander. Born 10/12/1891 in Strathalbyn, SA. Enlisted AIF Adelaide 17/4/1916. 30/1/1917 AFC Laverton. 11/5/1917 embarked as Pte, AFC 8th Reinforcements. 19/7/1917 England and 27/8/1917 to Riggers School Reading (School of Technical Training), then posted alternately to Aircraft Repair Section 1st Wing Leighterton and 6 Training Sqdn AFC Minchinhampton. After the war he returned to Adelaide as Acting Sgt; discharged 14/7/1919.

CALDWELL, Robert Lawrie. Born 11/3/1896 in Parkside, SA. Enlisted 11/8/1916 Adelaide. 15/11/1916 appointed 2 AFC Laverton. Embarked as 2 Air Mechanic 22/12/1916, served in England 29 Training Sqdn (5 Training Sqdn AFC) and 30 Training Sqdn (6 Training Sqdn AFC). 1 Air Mechanic 1/11/1917. 5/12/1917 overseas to 3 AFC France. 3/3/1919 returned to England with 3 AFC. Returned to Adelaide 14/6/1919; discharged 22/7/1919 as 1 Air Mechanic, AFC. In WW2 he was Sgt in the Australian Army Provo Company. He died 30/11/1975.

CAMERON, Colin Campbell. Born 30/4/1890 Jamestown, SA. Enlisted 20/8/1914 Adelaide, served in Gallipoli and Egypt. 29/3/1917 transferred to AFC. Graduated as Second Lt FO pilot 26/6/1917. Flew operations with 1 AFC until taken sick just before the Armistice. He died in Egypt 18/11/1918.

CAMPBELL, Raymond Richmond. Born 19/7/1896 in Truro, SA. Enlisted Adelaide 17/1/1918. Embarked as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC 28/2/1918. Served in England with AFC Nucleus Flight Stonehenge and 8 Training Sqdn AFC. Post-war he returned to Adelaide; discharged 29/6/1918. He served in the RAAF.

CAREY, Alfred David. Born 29/7/1893 in Thebarton, SA. Enlisted 28/6/1915 Perth, WA. Served in the Australian Army Service Corps Egypt. 1916 joined RNAS in England and graduated as pilot, rose to the rank of Major in RAF. Post-Armistice: 1919 Second-in-Command

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RAF with North Russian Expeditionary Force and gained MID. Returned to England 1920, gazetted OBE and made Commander of the Russian Orders of Saint Anne and also Saint Stanislas. Later returned to Australia. In WW2 he served in the RAAF and became Group Capt. He died 8/2/1949 in Victoria.

CARR, Kevin Hampden. Born 21/1/1899 in Moonta, SA. Sailed to England 1917, joined RNAS and graduated as Flt Sub Lt pilot. Post-war returned to Australia. In WW2 he served in the RAAF to the rank of Sqdn Leader.

CARROLL, Thomas Michael. Born 23/7/1890 in Port Adelaide, SA. 1917 joined Aviation Instructional Staff at Point Cook. Enlisted AFC 1/10/1918 when Aviation Instructional Staff disbanded. Embarked on *Boonah* from Adelaide 22/10/1918 – the ship was recalled after the Armistice was declared. Discharged in Melbourne 7/3/1919 as Cpl, AFC.

CASSEBOHM, Curt. Born 27/1/1888 in Kent Town, SA. Enlisted 2/2/1918 Adelaide. 27/2/1918: 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Laverton. Embarked 7/3/1918 as 2 Air Mechanic, December Reinforcements AFC. 15/5/1918 to England and to AFC Depot Wendover. 24/5/1918 transferred to Drvr, 6th Motor Transport Company Australian Army Service Corps as Pte. 29/6/1918 overseas to France to 6th Motor Transport Company. 29/11/1918 returned to England. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; 29/6/1919 discharged as Drvr, 6th Motor Transport Company. He died 20/9/1973.

CHAPMAN, Robert George. Thought to be born 2/3/1890 in Cummins near Port Lincoln, SA. 7/6/1915 enlisted Siege Artillery Brigade, served in England and France. 16/12/1916 Sgt. 20/5/1918 to AFC Cadet School England for observer training. 7/6/1918 to 2 School of Military Aviation Oxford to train as FO pilot. 25/9/1918 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC as Sgt Cadet. 23/1/1919 suffered slight burns to face and hands in aero accident. He returned to Adelaide 26/6/1919; discharged 25/8/1919 as Sgt, 5 Training Sqdn AFC.

CHAPMAN, Walter Frank. Born 26/9/1894 in Mt Barker, SA. Enlisted Adelaide 31/5/1915. Embarked 14/9/1915 as Pte, 10th Infantry Battalion 10th Reinforcements from Adelaide. 25/11/1915 joined

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Officers and cadets at AFC Training Wing HQ, 1918



A BE2c of 1AFC being prepared for take-off in Palestine, 1917

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unit at Mudros, returned to Egypt and 27/3/1916 sailed to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 24/7/1916 wounded in action; 27/7/1916 evacuated to 3 London General Hospital England. 4/9/1916 to 3 Training Battalion. 30/4/1917 temporarily attached Admin HQ. 5/11/1917 promoted to ER Sgt. 6/5/1918 transferred to AFC and to 2 School of Military Aviation Oxford as Cadet. 8/8/1918 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 6/1/1919 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot. 6/4/1919: Lt. 10/7/1919 returned to Adelaide; 2/9/19 appointment terminated as Lt, AFC.

CHAPPLE, Alfred. Born 10/4/1876 in Kent Town, SA. Educated Prince Alfred College Adelaide and Cambridge University. Lecturer and coach Engineering School Cambridge. 10/3/1917 Second Lt, RFC. 9/5/1917 Equipment Officer, RFC. 1/4/1918 Lt (Technical Officer), RFC.

CHEESMAN, Edwin George. Born 23/2/1889 in Snowtown, SA. Enlisted 1/11/1917 Adelaide. Joined AFC 6/6/1918 as 2 Air Mechanic, Laverton. Post-Armistice was discharged 24/12/1918 as 2 Air Mechanic. He died 27/10/1966 in Adelaide.

CHEESMAN, Harry Stanley. Born 9/3/1896 in Maylands, SA. Enlisted 5/9/1916 Adelaide. 27/10/1916 appointed 2 Air Mechanic, 4 AFC Melbourne. Sailed to England 17/1/1917. 29/6/1917 transferred to 2 AFC and was posted to France 21/9/1917. Hospitalised sick 19/7/1918 and embarked from England 8/11/1918 medically unfit. Landed Adelaide 29/12/1918; discharged 16/3/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, 2 AFC. He died 31/12/1965.

CHESTER, Herbert James. Born 3/6/1888 in Mt Gambier, SA. Served as Air Mechanic with Aviation Instructional Staff at Central Flying School Point Cook for three years and six months before Aviation Instructional Staff disbanded in September 1918. Enlisted as Sgt, AFC 9/9/1918. 22/10/1918 embarked on A36 *Boonah* from Adelaide with AFC Special Draft for the UK. When the Armistice cancelled the voyage he returned from Perth by train. 26/2/1919 discharged as Sgt, AFC. Post-war he served in the AAC, RAAF and Australian Army in WW2.

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CHESTER, Richard Henry. 23/11/1881 born in Mt Gambier, SA. Pre-WW1 trained in England at British and Colonial Aeroplane Co. as an air mechanic. 1913 selected in England and sailed for Australia on 25/4/1913 as one of the first four mechanics at Central Flying School Point Cook. Serial number No. 1 Regimental Chief Mechanic Aviation Instructional Staff. Sgt 18 months then WO, then Lt 5/1/1916. Appointment terminated 22/2/1916 and appointed as Chief Mechanic, NSW Aviation School at Richmond. He died 16/2/1947 in St Kilda, Victoria.

CLAIR, James William Spencer. Born 2/6/1878 in Glenelg, SA. 14/6/1915 enlisted Keswick. 16/3/1916 embarked as Pte, 9th Light Horse Regt Reinforcements; served in Egypt. 23/12/1916 transferred to AFC and posted to 2 AFC. 13/1/1917 to England. 2/7/1917 transferred to 3 AFC. 24/8/1917 overseas to France. 3/5/1918 was sick and evacuated to England. 24/8/1918 embarked for Australia; 3/1/1919 discharged Adelaide as 2 Air Mechanic, medically unfit.

CLARK, Hugh Rodney. Born 1/4/1897 in Broken Hill, NSW. Enlisted 20/1/1917 Adelaide Field Artillery Reinforcements at Mitcham. 14/5/1917 to AFC Laverton. 8/8/1917 embarked as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC 12th Reinforcements from Sydney. 8/10/1917 England and AFC Depot Wendover. 28/2/1918 overseas to 4 AFC in France. 6/5/1919 embarked for return to Australia and arrived Adelaide 14/6/1919. 14/7/1919 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC. In WW2: RAAF 1/1/1942, Acting Flt Lt 7/5/1942, discharged 15/1/1946 as PO. He died 1976 in Adelaide.

CLARKE, George Gordon. Born 1/5/1887 in Walkerville, SA. Enlisted 15/2/1915 Liverpool, NSW, transport section Australian Army Service Corps. 10/4/1915 embarked, served in Egypt and France. 26/10/1917 transferred to AFC. 12/4/1918 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot. 24/7/1918 Australian leave recommended until recall due to neurosis. 24/8/1918 embarked for Australia; appointment terminated at Sydney 4/7/1919. He died 5/2/1963 in NSW.

COLLINS, Horace Allen. Born 3/8/1896 in Mt Lofty (Carey Gully), SA. 31/8/1916 enlisted Adelaide. 16/6/1917 embarked as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Reinforcements Sydney, served in England. 14/5/1918 to No. 1 School of Aerial Navigation & Bomb Dropping

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Stonehenge (Nucleus Flt AFC). 23/10/1918 re-mustered as Drvr, Australian Motor Transport Company and overseas to France. 22/1/1920 embarked to return to Australia; discharged 30/5/1920 as Drvr, 1st Australian Motor Transport Company.

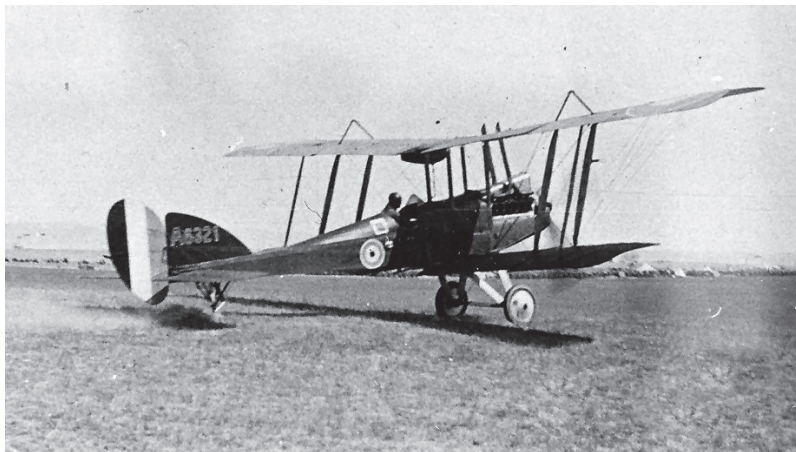
COLLINS, Percy Newton. Born 30/5/1889 in Burra, SA. Enlisted Adelaide 24/10/1916. Embarked 16/12/1916 as Pte, 43 Infantry Battalion Reinforcements. 16/2/1917 arrived England. 18/9/1917 transferred to AFC as 2 Air Mechanic. 1/1/1918 posted to Egypt and 1 AFC. Post-war 5/3/1919 embarked from Egypt and returned to Australia; discharged 1/5/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

CONRAD, Arthur Glendower. Born 26/11/1899 in Rose Park, SA. Enlisted 3/9/1917 Adelaide 43 Battalion Reinforcements. 25/2/1918 transferred AFC: 2 Air Mechanic Laverton. 7/3/1918 sailed to Egypt and England. Posted to 5 Training Sqdn AFC Minchinhampton. 26/6/1918 sick with cerebrospinal meningitis. 11/10/1918 transferred to Australian Army Service Corps as Motor Drvr and posted 27/10/1918 to France. 19/6/1919 returned to England and embarked 25/10/1919 to return to Australia via America. Already discharged in England and post-dated to 5/1/1920.

CONSTABLE, Thomas Robert. Born 7/11/1883 in Melrose, SA. Enlisted 30/1/1917 Adelaide. 4/4/1917 AFC Laverton. Embarked 4/8/1917 for England. Served as 2 Air Mechanic at Aircraft Repair Section Minchinhampton. Post-Armistice returned to Adelaide 14/6/1919; discharged 14/7/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic AFC. He died 22/12/1962 in Adelaide.

CRAWFORD, Samuel Cecil. Born 4/8/1878 in Port Lincoln, SA. Served 15 months with 5th Imperial Bushman's Company in Boer War. WW1: enlisted AIF 12/6/1916 Adelaide. 18/9/1916 transferred as Pte, AFC. 25/10/1916 sailed with 2 AFC to England as 2 Air Mechanic. 1/2/1917 promoted to Sgt. 11/3/1917 Flt Sgt. 24/8/1917 overseas with 3 AFC to France. 1/4/1918 WO. Post-war returned to Adelaide 14/6/1919; discharged 22/7/1919. Awarded the MSM for distinguished services rendered during the war. He died 27/5/1944 in Adelaide.

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*BE12a A6321 of 1 AFC taxiing along the wide expanse
of its Palestinian aerodrome*



Members of 1 AFC examine the business end of a BE12a

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CROSBY, Geoffrey Fisher. Born 18/10/1898 in Saddleworth, SA. Enlisted 4/3/1918 Melbourne. Embarked 8/5/1918 as 2 Air Mechanic, January 1918 Reinforcements AFC from Sydney. 10/7/1918 England and AFC Depot Halefield Camp. 30/9/1918 to Advanced Base Post Office London. 9/10–11/11/1918 hospitalised with influenza. 15/12/1919 returned to Adelaide; 3/3/1919 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

CUDMORE, Ernest Osmond. Born 2/7/1894 in Glen Osmond, SA. Melbourne University student. Enlisted England and commissioned as Second Lt FO pilot, RFC. Posted to 25 RFC France. POW 5/2/1918. Post-war he returned to Australia and took up civil flying. He died 26/9/1924.

CUSTANCE, Frederick Cyril. Born 16/8/1890 near Ongar in Essex, England. He came to Australia 1906 and worked as a motor mechanic. 17/3/1909 he and G. Gilmore 'Mad' White established a motor record Adelaide–Melbourne of 20 hours 6 minutes. Nine months later he broke Melbourne–Sydney record. 17/3/1910 was credited with the first successful powered flight in Australia in a Bleriot monoplane of F.H. Jones. Flights were witnessed by several people, including Mr R. Winzor (owner of the ground), and Mr and Mrs Sawyer who lived nearby. On the second flight he made a mistake with the elevator and dived into the ground, smashing the undercarriage and propeller. He was uninjured except for bruises. (The Bleriot was previously taxied by C.W. Wittber on 13/3/1910 with a jump into the air of an estimated 120 yards – not claimed as flight.) 22/11/1912 Custance rode a motorbike for a record 532 miles in twenty-four hours on Yorke Peninsula, SA.

In WW1 he enlisted 21/6/1915 Keswick, SA. 14/1/1916 Pte, AFC Laverton. 14/3/1916 appointed 1 AFC Laverton. 16/3/1916 as Cpl, 'B' Flt 1 AFC embarked on *Orsova* from Melbourne; served in Egypt. 24/8/1916 Sgt. 8/8/1917–17/9/1917 hospitalised with debility, discharged to Deir-el-Belah. 9/3/1918 hospitalised with hysteria (neurasthenia). 29/8/1918 returned to Australia; 20/12/1918 discharged Adelaide medically unfit. He went to America and secured a Caterpillar agency. 3/6/1923 he died while farming at Morgan, SA, reportedly near Olary while seeking help after a car breakdown.

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DALGLEISH, John Leo. Born 5/10/1898 in Quorn, SA. Enlisted 18/5/1918 Adelaide. 12/7/1918: 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Laverton. 22/7/1917 Australian General Hospital Keswick. 25/8/1919 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC, medically unfit.

DAVEY, Reginald Argyle. Born 19/10/1896 in St Peters, SA. Went to England 1915 and obtained commission as Flt Sub-Lt, RNAS: went to the Dardanelles, promoted Lt, transferred to North Sea area. Nicknamed 'Kitchener Junior' due to his organising ability. Served in No. 3 Balloon Section, Kite Balloon Service RNAS. 8/9/1916 he drowned in the North Sea while attached to HMS *Campania*: he gave up his patent lifebelt to his companion when both were forced to take to the water from their disabled balloon. Memorial unveiled at Prince Alfred College and letters of appreciation home from Wing Cdr Oliver Schwann of HMS *Campania* and Col Edward Maitland, RNAS.

DAVEY, William Henry. Born 3/1882 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted AIF 5/9/1916 Adelaide. 28/11/1916 Pte, AFC Laverton. 17/1/1917 embarked as 2 Air Mechanic, 4 AFC for England. 16/12/1917 overseas to France with 4 AFC. Post-war returned to Adelaide 14/6/1919; discharged 22/7/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

DAVIES, Edward Walford. Born 10/1/1898 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 22/7/1918 AIF Adelaide. 19/8/1918 appointed Pte, AFC Central Flying School Laverton. 22/10/1918 appointed Flight Cadet, Central Flying School. Post-Armistice was discharged 24/12/1918.

DAVIS, Frederick Walter. Born 3/1/1897 in Wellington, SA. RAN service 14/2/1914–15/9/1916; invalided out. 20/2/1917 enlisted AIF Perth, WA. 5/3/1917 appointed Pte, AFC Laverton. Embarked 4/8/1917 for England with AFC Reinforcements. 16/11/1917 posted as 2 Air Mechanic to 6 Training Sqdn AFC Minchinhampton. 24/10/1918 sick. Post-Armistice returned to Perth 9/6/1919; discharged medically unfit 11/8/1919.

DAWS, Leslie Gerner. Born 3/9/1899 in Kent Town, SA. Enlisted 25/3/1918 Adelaide. 22/4/1918 appointed 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Laverton. Embarked 5/10/1918 as 2 Air Mechanic, May Reinforcements. 5/12/18 England and AFC Depot Wendover. Post-

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Armistice posted 28/12/1918 to 4 AFC in France. Returned to Adelaide 14/6/1919; discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC 28/6/1919.

DAY, Donald Fowler. Born 20/8/1895 in North Unley, SA. Enlisted Keswick 2/3/1915 Pte, Australian Army Medical Corps 1 Reinforcements 3 Australian General Hospital. 15/6/1915 embarked for Mudros. After the Gallipoli campaign ended he served in Egypt and England. 25/1/1917 posted to France. 26/9/1917 returned to England and Officers Cadet Battalion AFC. 5/10/1917 to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading as Cadet. 23/1/1918 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC for flying training. 18/5/1918 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot. 18/8/1918: Lt. 29/8/1918 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC. Post-war he returned to Adelaide 14/6/1919; appointment terminated 13/8/1919. He died 27/6/1940 in Sydney.

DEELEY, Charles Clifford. Born 4/3/1892 in Glenelg, SA. Enlisted Adelaide 2/8/1916. 5/1/1917 appointed to 6th Field Artillery Brigade 13th Reinforcements. 14/2/1917 sailed for England. 13/9/1917 transferred to the AFC. 2/11/1917 to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading as Cadet. 26/3/1918 to 7 Training Sqdn AFC for pilot training. 1/6/1918 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot. 1/7/1918 witnessed RE8 aircraft crash in which the pilot and observer were burnt to death and he lost all confidence. Assessed medically unfit for further flying and recommended for leave in Australia. 17/11/1918 he landed in Melbourne then went overland to Adelaide; 1/2/1919 appointment terminated.

DENTON, Edmond Knill. Born 1/5/1896 in Edithburgh, SA. Enlisted 2/8/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 20/4/1916 with 17th Reinforcements 2nd Field Company Engineers for Egypt and England. 26/1/1917 to France with Field Company Engineers. 27/10/1917 transferred to AFC and to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading as Cadet. 16/1/1918 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC then to 6 Training Sqdn AFC for flying training. 16/5/1918 commissioned as Second Lt FO Pilot. 16/8/1918 Lt. Post-Armistice posted to 2 AFC France. Returned to England 3/3/1919 and later to Adelaide for termination of appointment on 4/2/1920.

DEWHIRST, Edward Bertram. Born 26/8/1889 in Port Augusta, SA. Enlisted AIF 27/6/1916 Adelaide. 2 Air Mechanic, 2 AFC Laverton 14/9/1916. Embarked 25/10/1916 for England with 'C' Flt 2 AFC.

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11/3/1917: 1 Air Mechanic. 21/8/1917 posted to France with 3 AFC (10/9/1917 arrived in France by air). He was killed the night of 22–23/3/1918 when German artillery shelled Bailleul aerodrome. He is named on the AFC Honour Roll of the SA National War Memorial, North Terrace, Adelaide.

DOMEYER, Albert Louis. Born 3/5/1876 in Moonta, SA. Enlisted 19/8/1914 Victoria. Embarked 19/10/1914 as Pte, Machine Gun Section 4th Light Horse Regt. 9/5/1915 from Egypt to Gallipoli. 17/8/1915 was sick with diarrhoea and 11/9/1915 admitted to hospital London. 16/8/1916 to Australian Motor Transport Section London as Drvr. 23/10/1916 Cpl, Australian Motor Transport Section. 27/8/1917 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC as 2 Air Mechanic. 7/11/1917 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC Tern Hill. 1/12/1917: 1 Air Mechanic. 1/1/1918 Cpl. 31/1/1918 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC Cirencester for trade test. 23/3/1918 re-mustered as Fitter (engine) from Motor Transport Drvr. 1/4/1918 Sgt. 12/7/1918 Chief Mechanic. 9/10/1918 granted seventy-five days' leave and reported to Admin HQ, 2/1/1919 due to Special Leave 1914 (Anzac Leave). 12/4/1919 returned to Adelaide and was discharged 27/4/1919 as Chief Mechanic, 8 Training Sqdn AFC. In WW2 he served in the Australian Army 30/6/1941–29/7/1942 as Pte, 3rd Garrison Brigade (he gave his birth date as 3/5/1883, so claimed to be fifty-eight when he was really sixty-five). He died 1958 in Geelong.

DOWNING, Dr Clifford Robert Eugene. Born 21/6/1898 in Nairne, SA. Enlisted Adelaide 30/4/1917. Embarked 22/12/1917 as 2 Air Mechanic Special Draft, 2 AFC. Arrived in England via Suez, Taranto and Cherbourg 13/2/1918. Served at Leighterton with 7 and 8 Training Sqdn AFC until after the Armistice. Had flying training as a Cadet. Returned to Adelaide 14/6/1919; was discharged 7/7/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC. Later he did refresher courses with the SA Aero Club.

DUFFIELD, Walter Geoffrey. Born 12/8/1879 in Gawler, SA. Educated Queen's School, England and St Peter's College, Adelaide. 1900 graduated BSc Adelaide University; had Angas engineering scholarship to Cambridge University. Research Fellow at Manchester University and Professor of Physics at Reading University College.

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28/10/1916 commissioned as Second Lt on probation, RFC as a technical officer instructing cadets in physics. Post-war he returned to Australia in 1923 as the first director of the Commonwealth Solar Observatory. He died 1/8/1929 of pneumonia during preliminary establishment of the Mt Stromlo observatory, ACT.

DUVAL, Claude Wolffe. Born 13/2/1886 in St Peters, SA. Enlisted 16/9/1914. Joined Australian Army Medical Corps 2 Australian General Hospital 16/10/1914 at Sydney. 28/11/1914 sailed to Egypt. 18/7/1915 Acting Sgt. 26/3/1916 sailed to France with 2 Australian General Hospital. 20/10/1916 to England and No. 1 RFC Officer Cadets Battalion. 26/1/1917 to 2 School of Military Aviation Oxford. 16/3/1917 discharged from the AIF and commissioned as Second Lt, RFC for pilot training. May 1917 unfit to fly and then classed permanently unfit to fly and waiting posting for definite duty. His address May–November 1917 was 19 Reserve Sqdn RFC Hounslow. By August 1918 was at 'X' Aircraft Depot RAF Egypt and after the Armistice was still there 29/1/1919. There is no record of his return to Australia.

EDSON, Charles Robert. Born 3/11/1893 in York, SA. Enlisted 11/5/1915 Keswick 1 Reinforcements 4th Light Horse Brigade Train Mitcham. 23/6/1915 sailed to Egypt then France. 2/9/1916 Sgt and to England to train for commission AIF Infantry Battalion. 18/12/1916 promoted to Second Lt. 16/1/1917 posted back to France. 24/1/1917 evacuated to hospital in England after a motor accident. 23/4/1917 seconded for AFC observer training. 18/6/1917 Second Lt, AFC attached to 22 RFC Bristol Fighter Sqdn in France. 17/8/1917 he died of wounds sustained in aerial combat. He is named on the AFC Honour Roll of SA National War Memorial, North Terrace, Adelaide.

ELEY, Charles Thompson. Born 22/6/1880 in Alberton, SA. Enlisted 14/1/1916 Adelaide. Embarked as Sapper, 11th Field Company Engineers 31/5/1916 for England. 25/11/1916 to France. 5/8/1917 transferred to AFC and returned to England. 25/10/1917 posted as 2 Air Mechanic to 7 Training Sqdn AFC at Yatesbury then Leighton. 1/3/1918: 1 Air Mechanic. 10/6/1918 Cpl Mechanic. Post-Armistice he returned to Adelaide; discharged as Cpl, AFC 29/7/1919.

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ELLIOTT, John James. Born 19/10/1893 in Riverton, SA. Enlisted 27/11/1914 Oaklands, SA, 4 Field Ambulance 4 Reinforcements Australian Army Medical Corps. 1/4/1915 sailed from Adelaide to Egypt and Dardanelles. 11/7/1915 admitted to hospital in Gallipoli and transferred to England via Malta with pleurisy. 11/3/1916 embarked for Australia as Acting Sgt on duty and returned on 28/8/1916 to England. 6/4/1917 posted to France. 20/7/1917 to England. 15/11/1917 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot. 19/3/1918 assessed medically unfit and requiring hospital treatment. 13/6/1918 assessed for return to Australia. Sailed 31/7/1918 with intestinal adhesion and reached Adelaide just after the Armistice for termination of appointment on 15/11/1918.

EVILL, D.C.S. (Air Chief Marshal Sir Douglas Claude Strathern, GBE, KCB, CB, DSC, AFC, RAF). Born 8/10/1892 in Broken Hill, NSW. Private education England. Cadet Osborne House Naval College then attended Britannia Naval College Devon. Private flying lessons Hendon, 13/6/1913 Royal Aero Club Certificate 512; not accepted for Naval Wing RFC and served on destroyers. 1913 Sub Lt, 15/8/1914 Lt, 4/12/1914 Flt Lt, RNAS. From 2/1915 flew from Dunkirk, summer 1915 with No. 1 Sqdn RNAS. 30/4/1915 discovered locality of heavy calibre long-range gun shelling Dunkirk; gun finally destroyed by French naval guns 9/8/1915. Awarded the DSC: 'in recognition of his services as a pilot at Dunkirk since February 1915. In addition to his work as a pilot, Flt Cdr Evill has shown great zeal and ability in carrying out experiments connected with signalling and spotting.' 5/11/1916 Officer Commanding 2, RNAS. 31/12/1916 Sqdn Cdr. Summer 1917 to England in training role. 30/7/1917 first Cdr, Naval Seaplane Training School Lee-on-Solent. 1/4/1918 Major, RAF. 1919 in command of flying boat units, permanent commission as Squadron Leader, RAF and awarded the AFC. 20/2/1920 appointed to Staff School of Naval Co-operation and Aerial Navigation. 1921 British Army Staff College. 1/1/1922 to HQ Coastal Area on technical aspects of aircraft carriers. 1923 refresher course 4 Flying Training School and 12/10/1923 Officer Commanding, No. 70 Sqdn, RAF Vernon at Baghdad Iraq. 1925 Wing Cdr and appointed Directing Staff RAF Staff College. 1929–1931 Assistant Commandant RAF College Cranwell. 1932 Gp Capt.

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1933 attended Imperial Defence College. 1934 Deputy Director of War Organisation, Air Ministry. 31/12/1935 Air Commodore and Director of War Organisation. 1936 Senior Air Staff Officer, HQ Bomber Command. 1937 RAF Mission on inspection of Luftwaffe. 1/1/1938 Air Vice-Marshal. 1938 appointed Air Officer in charge of Administration Bomber Command.

In WW2 Senior Air Staff Officer, HQ Fighter Command. 2/1940 Senior Air Staff Officer, HQ British Air Forces in France. After June 1940 returned to Senior Air Staff Officer, HQ Fighter Command. 2/1942 to USA as head of RAF delegation to Washington. 3/1943 appointed Vice-Chief of Air Staff until the end of war (1944 Air Marshal). 1946 Air Marshal Sir Douglas Evill was made Additional Knight Grand Cross of the Military Dvn of the said Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. 1946 USA Legion of Merit, Degree of Commander conferred. 1/6/1946 stepped down as Vice Chief of Air Staff. 1/1947 retired from the RAF as Air Chief Marshal. Czechoslovak Republic Order of the White Lion for Victory, Star 1st Cl, conferred. 1947–1949 Director-General English Speaking Union. 1960 Hon Air Commodore 3617 (County of Hampshire) Fighter Control Unit Royal Auxiliary Air Force. Air Chief Marshal Sir Douglas Evill, GBE, KCB, DSC, AFC, RAF (ret) died 22/3/1971 at Winchester, Hampshire, England.

EXTON, Charles William. Born 22/5/1897 in Prospect, SA. Educated Kyre College (Scotch College). Enlisted 22/5/1915 Mitcham 10th Infantry Battalion 7 Reinforcements, aged eighteen. Sailed 24/6/1915, served in Gallipoli, Egypt and France. 1/3/1917 Cpl. 14/3/1918 to AFC School England. 6/5/1918 to 2 School of Military Aviation Oxford as Cadet for pilot training. 19/12/1918 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot, 8 Training Sqdn AFC. 19/3/1919 Lt. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; appointment terminated 13/8/1919. Committee member of the Australian Aero Club, SA, from its inception in 1919 to 13/2/1928. He served as WO 2 in the Australian Army in WW2.

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Aircrew and ground staff of 3 AFC 'A' Flight in France, 1918

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FACEY, Clem Edward Harwood. Born 30/7/1896 in Norwood, SA. Enlisted 16/8/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 16/11/1915 as Drvr, Divisional Ammunition Column 2nd Dvn from Melbourne; served in Egypt and France. 5/4/1916 appointed Acting Sgt. 6/11/1916 Acting Bombardier. 28/1/1917 transferred to 6th Field Artillery Brigade Ammunition Column. 13/9/1918 to AFC Cadet Battalion England. 4/10/1918 as 3 Air Mechanic to 2 School of Military Aviation Oxford, then 5/12/1918 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC for pilot training. 1/4/1919 Second Lt AFC on probation. 18/6/1919 returned to Adelaide as Second Lt, AFC AIF; appointment terminated 10/8/1919.

FARRELL, Stanley Longhurst. Born 9/8/1892 in Booleroo Centre, SA. Enlisted 27/8/1914 3 Light Horse Regt Oaklands. Embarked 22/10/1914 but discharged at Albany medically unfit. 19/11/1914 re-enlisted 3 Light Horse Regt 1st Reinforcements and sailed 21/12/1914 to Egypt. 1/10/1915 transferred to Australian Army Service Corps Motor Transport Service. 8/3/1916 Cpl. 11/5/1916 sailed to England. 4/10/1917 transferred AFC and to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading as Cpl Cadet. 31/5/1918 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC Minchinhampton. 24/9/1918 relinquished Cadet appointment and transferred to 10th Battalion Reinforcements. 9/11/1918 transferred to Australian Army Service Corps and posted to France. 22/3/1919 Sgt. 18/6/1919 returned to England. 24/11/1919 landed Adelaide; discharged 8/12/1919 as Sgt. He was killed in truck accident at Mundaring Weir, WA, 11/12/1948.

FAWCETT, Robert Norman. Born 21/9/1898 in Kapunda, SA. Enlisted 4/10/1916 Adelaide. Embarked 8/2/1917 25th Reinforcements 3 Light Horse Regt for Egypt. 12/5/1918 detached to 1 AFC as Pte for training as pilot. 23/7/1918 to Cadet Wing Heliopolis as Cadet. 29/8/1918 to 3 School of Military Aviation Heliopolis. 25/11/1918 graded flying cadet, 16 TD RAF. 10/2/1919 appointed Second Lt FO on probation. 17/7/1919 returned to Adelaide; appointment terminated 28/8/1919. 1921 he was one of the original pilots of WA Airways. On 5/12/1921 he was killed in the crash of a WA Airways Bristol Tourer during the inaugural airmail flight of the Geraldton–Derby service.

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FITZNER, Frank Bruce. Born 11/11/1894 in Renmark, SA. 15/11/1915 enlisted Adelaide 23 HB 109 Battery. Embarked 20/5/1916 for England. 15/11/1916 transferred to RFC. 6/6/1917 discharged AIF to commission as Second Lt, RFC. 17/11/1917 transferred from Second Lt, RFC to Second Lt, Royal Irish Rifles at Belfast in Ireland. 30/4/1919 promoted to Lt, 3rd Royal Irish Rifles Reserves, later returned to Adelaide. 1963 retired from Department of Air Supervisor of Plan Room HQ Support Command RAAF.

FLINT, Kenneth Turner. Born 9/11/1898 in Kent Town, SA. Enlisted 20/12/1917 Adelaide. 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Laverton 18/12/1918. Embarked 6/3/1918 for England. Transferred Drvr, Motor Transport Australian Army Service Corps 15/5/1918. Posted to France 10/7/1918. Post-Armistice was with Graves Registration Detachment. To England 26/9/1919 and returned to Adelaide 6/1/1920; discharged 21/2/1920 as Motor Transport Drvr, 4 MTC.

Hugh Foale transferred from the 28th Battalion to the AFC in England and graduated as Second Lt pilot late in 1917 before being posted to 3 AFC in France on the application of his elder brother Lewis, who was already serving in the squadron as an air mechanic. Hugh flew army co-operation patrols for almost eight months. On one occasion he flew his RE8 observation machine like a fighter to shoot down an enemy Pfalz scout.



FOALE, Hugh Sydney. Born 24/8/1898 Fullerton Estate, Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 4/8/1916 Perth, WA, 28th Battalion Reinforcements. Embarked 9/11/1916 from Fremantle for England. 25/5/1917 attached AFC. 15/6/1917 attached 5 Training Sqdn AFC as 2 Air

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Mechanic. 11/8/1917 attached 5 Training Sqdn AFC as Cadet for flying instruction. 31/10/1917 promoted to Second Lt FO pilot. 31/1/1918: Lt. 30/1/1918 overseas to 3 AFC France. 8/8/1918, with observer Lt Sewell, engaged two Pfalz scouts – destroyed one. 21/9/1918 evacuated to England with flying sickness exhaustion after 210 hours' flying operations. Post-war returned to Adelaide 26/6/1919, then to Perth by rail for termination of appointment as Lt, 3 AFC on 18/8/1919. In WW2 he served in the RAAF as Sqdrn Leader. He died in WA in February 1976.

FOALE, Lewis Richard ('Dick'). Born 3/7/1890 in Norwood, SA. Enlisted 12/6/1916 Adelaide. 21/9/1916 Pte, 2 AFC Laverton. 25/10/1916 embarked for England. 24/8/1917 posted overseas to France by air with 3 AFC. Applied for and had young brother pilot, Second Lt H.S. Foale, posted to No. 3 AFC and was his mechanic. 1/3/1918 Sgt. 17/5/1918 Sgt Mechanic. 12/10/1918 to England and Cadetship to train as a pilot. 1/4/1919 Second Lt, AFC. 26/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; 3/8/1919 appointment terminated as Second Lt, AFC. He died 6/10/1923.

FORD, George King. Born 11/4/1891 in Malvern, SA. Enlisted 12/9/1914 Adelaide. Embarked 22/12/1914 and served in Egypt and the Gallipoli area with 4th Field Ambulance. 1/6/1916 sailed to France. 9/6/1917 transferred to AFC and posted to England as 2 Air Mechanic, 5 Training Sqdn AFC. 7/4/1918 attached to Motor Transport Section as Drvr and served at Minchinhampton, Leighterton and AFC 1st Wing HQ (re-mustered as photographer for period 29/7–17/9/1918). Embarked for England on Anzac Leave 3/12/1918; discharged Adelaide 28/3/1919 as Air Mechanic, AFC.

FORSAITH, Harold John. Born 2/7/1889 in Prospect, SA. Enlisted 23/2/1915 Melbourne. 28/6/1915 embarked for Egypt 9th Australian Army Service Corps 6th Reinforcements: served in Gallipoli, Egypt and France. 5/11/1916 posted to RFC School England. 16/3/1917 discharged AIF and commissioned as Second Lt, RFC; graduated as Second Lt FO pilot. July 1917 posted to 55 RFC in France. 18/8/1917, with Second Lt H. Dunstan, was KIA after their DH4 aircraft broke up when hit by anti-aircraft fire. Forsaith is named on the Honour Roll of the SA National War Memorial, North Terrace, Adelaide.

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FORSTER, Clarence Melville. Born 3/3/1899 in Naracoorte, SA. Enlisted 18/7/1917 Adelaide. 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Laverton 5/4/1918. Acting L/Cpl 1/5/1918. Embarked 8/5/1918 March Reinforcements Sydney–NZ–Tahiti–Panama–USA–England. Served in England until post-Armistice. 1/5/1919 promoted T/2/Cpl. 1/8/1919 promoted ER/2/Cpl. 4/11/1919 returned to Adelaide; 30/11/1919 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC. During WW2 he served in the Australian Army with the rank of Major.

FOWLER, David Dennys. 30/6/1897 born in Glenelg, SA. Educated Harrow and Trinity College Cambridge, joined the RFC. 15/3/1916 Second Lt on probation, RFC. 17/7/1916 Second Lt FO, RFC. 9/1916 posted to 17 RFC Salonica. 5/10/1916 wounded in action by anti-aircraft fire. Taken to hospital in Malta and 12/1916 invalided England. 17/3/1917 KIA BE2c 7181 78 HD RFC soon after a take-off crash Telscombe Cliffs.

FOX, Ernest Alfred. Born 14/6/1882 in Gawler, SA. Enlisted 2/9/1916 Adelaide. 14/11/1916 Pte, 4 AFC Laverton. 9/1/1917 T/ Sgt. 17/1/1917 embarked for England. 1/7/1917 Sgt. 7/8/1917 Flt Sgt. 16/12/1917 overseas with 4 AFC to France. 1/2/1918 Technical WO Cl 1 17/5/1918 Chief Master Mechanic. Post-Armistice returned to Adelaide 14/6/1919; discharged 22/7/1919 as Chief Master Mechanic WO, AFC. He was awarded the MSM 'in recognition of distinguished services rendered during the war'. He died 3/8/1951.

FRANKLIN, Rodney Vernon. Born 21/9/1896 in Mt Barker, SA. Enlisted 24/8/1914 Adelaide. Embarked 10th Battalion 20/10/1914 for Egypt. Served at Gallipoli and 14/8/1915 evacuated sick to England. 15/9/1915 Cpl. 26/11/1915 discharged AIF England and granted commission 10th (Reserve) Battalion The King's Own (Royal Lancaster Regt). Transferred to the RFC and graduated as Second Lt FO pilot 7/1916. Posted to 16 RFC France 8/1916. Wounded in action 27/9/1916 and 10/10/1916. He was awarded the French Croix de Guerre and recommended for the MC. Became ill 12/1916: granted three months' sick leave and visited Australia. Returned to duty Egypt April 1917. He was KIA 24/6/1917 testing a Martinsyde aircraft 58 Training Sqdn RFC at Suez.

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FROMEN, Valdemar Ernest Fabian. Born 16/5/1895 in Broken Hill, NSW. Engine driver. Enlisted 8/3/1915 Keswick, SA. 31/5/1915 embarked as Pte, 3rd Australian Dvn Signals Company from Adelaide for Egypt. 27/9/1915 landed Gallipoli. 2/11/1915 evacuated to hospital Egypt with malaria. 7/1/1916 returned to duty. 16/3/1916 sailed from Egypt to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 25/4/1916 attached to 2 Dvn Artillery HQ France. 21/7/1916 Cpl. Served in France until 20/5/1918. Posted to AFC School England. 7/6/1918 to 2 School of Military Aviation Oxford as Cadet for FO pilot training. 31/8/1918 returned to AFC Depot Wendover and posted to 7 Training Sqdn AFC Leighton. 18/2/1919 cadetship terminated. Embarked 25/3/1919 to return to Australia as a 1915 man. 7/5/1919 arrived Adelaide; 7/7/1919 discharged as Cpl, 2nd Dvn Signals Company. In WW2 he served in the Australian Army: enlisted 2/4/1942 Adelaide and was discharged 24/5/1944 as L/Cpl 3 Battalion Volunteer Defence Corps. He died 6/9/1954.

FULLARTON, John Ritchie. Born 16/3/1884 in Naracoorte, SA. Enlisted 15/2/1915 Melbourne 8th Light Horse Regt. Embarked 25/2/1915 for Egypt. Embarked 16/5/1915 for Gallipoli. 25/10/1915 evacuated sick to England. Embarked 17/3/1916 for Australia with cardiac strain and was discharged medically unfit 16/8/1916. He made his own way to England and received commission as temporary Second Lt (on probation), RFC on 5/4/1917. Post-war in Australia in 1920 he formed Fulham Air Transport. 31/8/1921 was badly injured in a crash, licence not renewed. He died 8/6/1952.

GALE, Richard Alfred. Born 28/8/1896 in Crystal Brook, SA. Enlisted 12/11/1917 Adelaide. 27/2/1918 posted Pte, Wireless Training School Sydney. 25/9/1918: 3 Air Mechanic, AFC Laverton. Embarked 5/10/1918 with April 22nd Reinforcements AFC for England. 4/1/1919 posted to No. 1 Two Sqdn Station Minchinhampton. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged 13/10/1919 as 3 Air Mechanic, AFC.

GAZE, William Owen. Born 17/3/1894 in Mt Lofty, SA. Enlisted 12/2/1917 Perth, WA. 5/3/1917 AFC Laverton. Embarked 4/8/1917 11th May Reinforcements AFC for England. 9/3/1918 EDP Cpl. 7/6/1918: 2 Air Mechanic and to 2 School of Military Aviation

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Oxford as Cadet for pilot training. 31/8/1918 posted to 7 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 11/1/1919 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot. 8/3/1919 aero accident causing injuries to knee, nose, ankle and was unconscious for a short time – admitted to hospital. 11/4/1919: Lt. Embarked 15/5/1919 to return to Australia. 26/6/1919 landed Adelaide then rail to Perth where appointment was terminated 10/8/1919. Returned to Gnowangerup, WA. In WW2 he served in the Australian Army Volunteer Defence Corps 6th Battalion Albany as Capt.

GIBB, Sir Claude Dixon. Born 29/6/1898 in Queenstown, SA. Enlisted 5/12/1917 Adelaide. 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Laverton 17/1/1918. 15/2/1918 Acting Cpl. Embarked 28/2/1918 AFC Special Draft. 20/4/1918 arrived in England and went to AFC Depot Wendover. 5/7/1918 to 2 School of Military Aviation Oxford. 25/9/1918 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC Minchinhampton. 11/2/1919 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot, AFC. 11/5/1919: Lt. 18/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; 3/7/1919 appointment terminated. In 1920 he was appointed senior research assistant Adelaide University. Returned to England. In WW2 1941–1943 was appointed Director General of Weapons Production in the British Ministry of Supply. 1945–1951 Vice-President of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers. Chairman or director of companies. 1942 was awarded CBE, and was knighted in 1945. He died 15/1/1959 in New Jersey, USA.

GILBERT, John Driffield. Born 31/8/1893 in Pewsey Vale, Lyndoch, SA. Enlisted in the British Imperial Army in England, served in the 16th Lancers, Sussex Yeomanry. Transferred to the RFC, graduated as Lt FO pilot 1917 and was posted to 56 RFC in France. A fortnight later on 18 /10/1917 he was KIA, posted missing after entering cloud during combat. He is named on the Honour Roll of the SA National War Memorial, North Terrace, Adelaide.

GILBERT, Thomas. Born 12/9/1889 in Pewsey Vale, Lyndoch, SA. Went to England from India and was commissioned Lt, RFC. He trained at Salisbury. Later he returned to India on survey work.

GILSON, Donaldson David. Born 11/8/1895 in Blumberg (Birdwood), SA. Enlisted 14/7/1917 Melbourne 15th September Reinforcements AFC, 2 Air Mechanic. Embarked 9/11/1917 and reached England

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9/1/1918 via Egypt and Taranto. Posted to AFC Depot Wendover. 31/10/1918 posted to 8 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. Post-war he returned to Adelaide 6/1/1920; discharged 6/2/1920 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

GLUYAS, Eric Bennett. Born 3/7/1892 in Broken Hill, NSW. Enlisted 25/9/1916 Adelaide. 30/10/1916 appointed 2 Air Mechanic, 4 AFC. Embarked 17/1/1917 to England. 13/4/1917 to Central Flying School Upavon for instruction. 1/7/1917: 1 Air Mechanic. 1/8/1917 Cpl Fitter. 1/9/1917 Sgt. 16/12/1917 to France with 4 AFC. 17/5/1918 Sgt Mechanic. Post-Armistice 4 AFC Germany with the Army of Occupation. 11/3/1919 returned to England. 14/6/1919 landed in Adelaide; discharged 22/7/1919 as Sgt, AFC. In WW2 he served in the RAAF as PO, NSW Air Training Corps.

GLUYAS, Rae William. Born 1894 in Broken Hill, NSW. Enlisted 16/8/1915 Adelaide. 1/10/1915 Sapper, 6 Field Company Engineers. 24/11/1915 embarked from Sydney for Egypt then France. 30/6/1916 was sick in France and evacuated to England with trench fever. 9/8/1917 transferred to 4 AFC, 2 Air Mechanic. 16/12/1917 overseas to France with 4 AFC. 27/5/1918 posted to England and to 8 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 1/7/1918: 1 Air Mechanic. 28/12/1918 overseas to 4 AFC in France and Germany. 11/3/1919 returned to England. 24/12/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged 28/2/1920 as 1 Air Mechanic, 4 AFC. He died in NSW 3/1970.

GODLEE, John. Born 1892 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 21/10/1914 Trooper, 10th Light Horse Regt Guildford, WA. 8/2/1915 embarked for Egypt, served at Gallipoli. 19/8/1915 Cpl, was sick and hospitalised with pyrexia. 28/8/1915 evacuated to hospital England via Malta. 27/12/1915 discharged in England for RFC commission. 28/12/1915 Second Lt, RFC Gen List, posted to 32 RFC in France. 15/7/1916 one victory. 19/7/1916 was KIA, one victory but fatally wounded during the combat.

GORDON, John Rutherford. Born 18/6/1895 in Gilberton, Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 20/8/1914 'A' Company 10th Battalion Morphettville, SA. 1/9/1914 Sgt. Embarked 20/10/1914 for Egypt. 2/3/1915 sailed with 10th Battalion to Lemnos and trained there till 24/4/1915. Landed at Gallipoli 25/4/1915 (one of the first 50 to land), June

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John Gordon served at Gallipoli until evacuated sick back to Australia. Upon recovery he completed the seventh course of instruction at AFC CFS, Point Cook (where he is shown at the controls of an instructional Boxkite). He embarked for England to complete his pilot training, but sickness prevented him from doing so and he was seconded instead as an observer to a new RFC Bristol Fighter squadron, where he had great success and was credited with fifteen victories.

transferred to machine gun section. 4/8/1915 Second Lt at Gallipoli. 18/8/1915 sick with enteric condition and evacuated 20/8/1915 to hospital in Egypt. 25/9/1915 embarked for Australia, 17/10/1915 landed Adelaide; discharged medically unfit. 8/3/1916 returned to duty medically fit and employed on recruiting work. February 1917: 7th Course Point Cook, first solo 1/4/1917. 1/5/1917 appointed to the AFC. Embarked 21/6/1917 as Second Lt, AFC June Reinforcements to England. 10/1917 attached to RFC Hythe Gunnery course 11–12/1917. 28/12/1917 appointed FO observer on probation. Seconded RFC observer and posted to 62 RFC France 1/1918. 28/3/1918: Lt. Awarded the MC: 'for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when, as observer on an offensive patrol, he shot down and destroyed three hostile machines. Previous to this he had shot down two enemy triplanes, one of which crashed to the ground in flames. He has also effectively and repeatedly

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scattered massed bodies of enemy troops by accurate shooting from a height of 100 feet. His skill and daring have been of the highest order.' 20/6/1918 he was found temporarily unfit and recommended three weeks' leave to 11/7/1918, then fit for pilot. 7/1918 transferred to the AFC. 13/7/1918 to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading for pilot training. 31/10/1918 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC Minchinhampton. 25/2/1919 graduated Lt FO pilot. 6/5/1919 embarked for return to Australia on HT *Kaisar-I-Hind*. 14/6/1919 4 Military District. 14/7/1919 appointment terminated.

1926–35 'A' licence NSW & SA Aero Clubs. 1/6–31/7/1927 FO Citizen Air Force 3 RAAF. 1935 Army SA 10 Battalion Militia. In WW2 he enlisted 5/2/1940 in the RAAF as FO temporary Flt Lt. 1/1/1941 temporary Sqdn Leader. 20/3–17/4/1942 Australia–Canada Assistant Air Liaison Officer Canada. 12/1942 Wing Cdr, CO 3 Initial Training School Kingaroy Queensland. 3/7/1945 retired from the RAAF. 1965 was group leader for SA and WA on Anzac Pilgrimage. 21/3/1968 was presented with Air Efficiency Award at Edinburgh RAAF Base by Air Officer Commanding Air Vice-Marshall K. Hennock. He died aged eighty-three at Adelaide 11/12/1978.

GORDON, Sydney Price. Born 21/10/1889 in Hammond, SA. Enlisted 5/7/1916 Adelaide. 14/9/1916 appointed Pte 2, AFC Laverton. Embarked 25/10/1916 for England as 2 Air Mechanic. 1/2/1917: 1 Air Mechanic. 24/8/1917 overseas to France with 3 AFC. 3/3/1919 left France for England. Returned to Adelaide 2/2/1920; discharged 19/3/1920 as 1 Air Mechanic, 3 AFC.

GOTTSCHALK, George Lancelot. Born 10/4/1893 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 4/12/1917 Adelaide. 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Laverton 17/1/1918. Embarked 28/2/1918 for England and AFC Depot Wendover. 13/8/1918 to Nucleus Flt Stonehenge. 4/11/1918 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC Minchinhampton. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; 29/6/1919 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC. 23/3/1920 enlisted AAC at Central Flying School Laverton. 8/1920 with Capt F.H. McNamara, Lt H.C. Miller and Air Mechanic F. Lane, he flew Point Cook to Adelaide for Second Peace Loan. 31/3/1921 enlisted RAAF fitter aero LAC. 6/5/1921 appointed 1 Flying Training School Laverton. 14/6–12/7/1921 attached Sydney for duty with Fleet.

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1–24/11/1921 attached Controller of Civil Aviation then returned to Flying Training School. 1/1/1922 posted to 1 RAAF and remained attached Controller of Civil Aviation. 12/4/1922 medical report: suffering from neurasthenia, requiring four to five weeks' rest. 8/6/1922 to WA by air, returned 6/10/1922. 7/4/1924 went to Broome, flew with Goble & McIntyre Broome–Perth, changed ILLD's (Fairey aircraft) engine at Carnarvon and returned from WA 26/5/1924. 10/6/1924 Naval Photographic Fleet. 1/11/1924 Sgt. 18/4/1925 to Townsville and 23/5/1925 returned by air. 23/6/1925 discharged on payment £6. Circa 1933 engineer with Parer's Pacific Aerial Transport, also gold mining. 18/11/1938 applied to join Citizen Air Force Reserve. 30/11/1938 enlisted RAAF Reserve and posted to RAAF HQ as Sgt. 2/9/1939 called-up to join 1 RAAF Laverton immediately. However, according to the *Adelaide Advertiser* George Lancelot Gottschalk had died in the Katherine Hospital NT on 12/8/1939.

GRAHAM, John Benjamin. Born 26/11/1888 in Yankalilla, SA. Went to England in 1911. On 23/3/1914 gained Royal Aero Club Certificate 752 at the Grahame-White School Hendon. Later flew with distinction in France with 11 RFC 1916/1917 and gained several victories. He was awarded the MC and AFC and attained rank of Major, RAF. Post-Armistice he remained in the RAF and was Gp Capt in 1934. He died in England 19/3/1961.

GRAHAM, Keith William. Born 12/1/1899 in Port Pirie, SA. Enlisted 9/5/1918. Pte 'B' Company Mitcham. 1/7/1918 transferred to AFC Laverton as fitter (general). After 52 days' AIF service was posted to Point Cook, reportedly went solo, later crashed and hurt his leg. The war ended before he went overseas; discharged 24/12/1918.

GRANT, Stanley John Alexander. Born 16/1/1890 in Burnside, SA. Enlisted 2/5/1916 Adelaide. 27/10/1916 appointed Pte, 4th Reinforcements AFC. Embarked 6/12/1916 from Melbourne for England as 2 Air Mechanic and to AFC Depot Perham Downs. 22/6/1917 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC Shawbury. 1/11/1917: 1 Air Mechanic. 14/5/1918 to Motor Transport Section Minchinhampton. 28/1/1919 re-mustered as 1 Air Mechanic rigger and to 5 Training Sqdn AFC. He returned to Adelaide 14/6/1919; discharged 22/7/1919 as 1 Air Mechanic, AFC.

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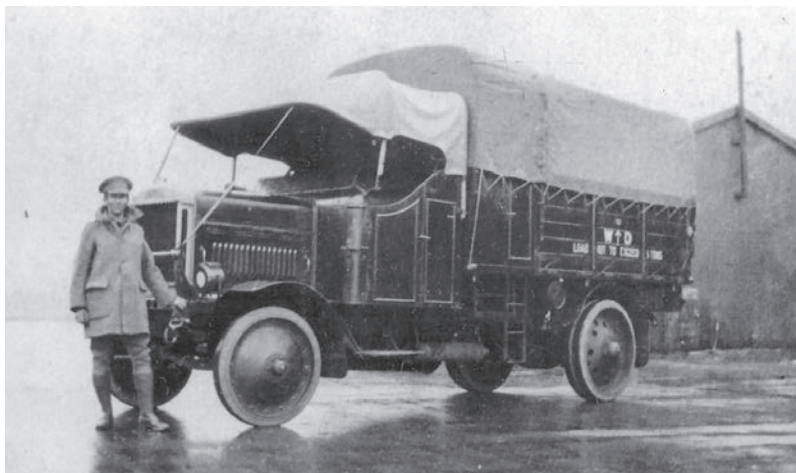
GREAR, Horace Herbert. Born 25/4/1885 in Exeter, SA. Enlisted 16/2/1917 Adelaide. Embarked 4/8/1917 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC May 1917 Reinforcements. 2/10/1917 Glasgow and 21/2/1918 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC Tern Hill. 13/8/1918 to Nucleus Flt Stonehenge. 4/11/1918 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 6/9/1919 embarked on SS *Aquitania* for America, with intention to reside in Chicago, Illinois. Discharged from AIF in London 21/10/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

GREEN, Archibald Henry. Born 14/6/1879 in Uraidla, SA. Enlisted 15/3/1915 Adelaide. Embarked as Pte, 7th Reinforcements 10th Infantry Battalion 23/6/1915 from Adelaide. 11/9/1915 to the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force Gallipoli and joined 10th Battalion 17/9/1915. Was sick, went to hospital in Mudros 16/12/1915 then hospital in Egypt until 18/4/1916. Presumed then to the British Expeditionary Force France. Transferred to AFC in England at AFC Depot Wendover 17/10/1917. 29/10/1917 EDP Sgt. 10–15/6/1918 6 Training Sqdn AFC Minchinhampton, then reverted to 2 Air Mechanic at Wendover. Returned to Adelaide 14/6/1919; discharged 29/8/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

GREEN, Harold Lindsay. Born 1893 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 24/10/1916 Adelaide. 23/12/1916 posted Flying School Laverton Pte, 4 AFC. 17/1/1917 embarked with 4 AFC for England as 2 Air Mechanic. 16/12/1917 overseas to France with 4 AFC. Post-Armistice to Germany with 4 AFC as part of the Army of Occupation. 11/3/1919 returned to England. 14/6/1919 landed back at Adelaide; discharged 22/7/1919. He died in Mt Gambier 5/7/1975 aged eighty-two.

GREEN, Lawrence Henry Benson. Born 1895 in Malvern, SA. Enlisted 5/11/1914 Blackboy Hill, WA. Embarked 19/2/1915 as Pte, 2 Australian Stationary Hospital Reinforcements from Fremantle. 4/12/1915 embarked from Alexandria on *Assaye* to join 2 ASH 7/12/1915 Mudros West. 26/1/1916 admitted St Andrews Hospital Malta with enteric condition. Embarked 27/3/1916 for hospital Egypt. 29/5/1916 to 6 Light Horse Regt from 1st Light Horse Field Ambulance attached Australian Army Medical Corps. 21/12/1916 posted to 2 AFC for trade test 23/12/1916 and accepted as 2 Air

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Harold Green served as an armourer with 4 AFC in France and with the squadron as part of the British Army of Occupation in Germany after the Armistice.

He is seen here with 'my little bus' – a 36-hp, 4-ton Leyland transport.

Mechanic. Embarked 13/1/1917 with 2 AFC for England. 26/4/1917 re-mustered as Instrument Repairer Wireless. 1/6/1917 to School of Technical Training Reading. 13/9/1917 attached 2 Australian Auxiliary Hospital for temporary duty. 9/10–30/12/1917 sick in hospital. 10/4–28/5/18 to 7 Training Sqdn AFC. 17/7/1918 overseas to France to 3 AFC. 20/11/1918 transferred to England with myalgia. 20/4/1919 returned to Melbourne then to Sydney; discharged 23/12/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC, medically unfit. He died 18/8/1969.

HALL, Darcy Wentworth. Born 14/12/1887 in Mt Barker, SA. Enlisted 23/11/1914 Adelaide 2nd Reinforcements 3 Light Horse Regt. Embarked 2/2/1915 from Melbourne for Egypt. Transferred to Australian Mechanical Transport Service and attached to 1st Light Horse Field Ambulance. 16/6/1916 landed in France. 27/5/1917 transferred to AFC Depot England and 8/6/1917 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC as 2 Air Mechanic. 1/10/1917: 1 Air Mechanic. 1/11/1917 Cpl. 17/5/1918 Cpl Mechanic. 3/10/1918 with No. 2 Two Sqdn Station Minchinhampton. 21/11/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged

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2/1/1920 as Cpl Mechanic, AFC. In WW2 he served in Adelaide as Cpl, 4 Garrison Battalion.

HANCOCK, Alfred Vernon. Born 5/11/1889 in Moonta, SA. Enlisted 22/10/1914 Adelaide. Embarked as Pte, 9th Light Horse Regt for Egypt. 16/5/1915 to Gallipoli until return to Egypt 27/12/1915. Trade test 2 AFC 7/12/1916 and transfer to AFC as L/Cpl. 2 Air Mechanic 4/1/1917. 13/1/1917 embarked for England. 1/3/1917: 1 Air Mechanic. 16/9/1917 overseas to France with 2 AFC. 1/11/1917 Cpl. 17/5/1918 Cpl Mechanic. 4/10/1918 to England for FO pilot training. 2/11/1918 to 2 School of Military Aviation as Cadet, trained at 7 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 1/4/1919 Second Lt on probation. 29/4/1919 Lt and remained FO observer on probation. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; appointment terminated 13/8/1919 as Lt, AFC. He died 28/8/1971.

HARDY, Guy Burton. Born in SA circa 1882. Educated at University of Adelaide, employed at the British Navy Dockyard in Sydney and as a ship engineer. In 1909 selected to gain knowledge of ship-building in Scotland where two torpedo boats were being constructed for Australia. Was employed at Adelaide when the First World War began and embarked for England on 4/11/1915 to seek a commission in the services. Unable to obtain an army commission, but enlisted in the RNAS and served as WO 2 on ground duties. Disappointed and in ill health he died by his own hand on 17/4/1916 and was buried with naval honours in London. He is named on the Honour Roll of the SA National War Memorial on North Terrace in Adelaide.

HARMAN, Clive Kingsley. Born 14/11/1893 in Clarence Park, SA. Enlisted 31/7/1917 Adelaide. 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Laverton 29/11/1917. 28/2/1918 embarked AFC Reinforcements & Special Draft for England. 24/5/1918 to Australian Army Service Corps as Motor Drvr. 4/6/1918 overseas to France to Australian Army Service Corps 4 Motor Transport Company. 2/9/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged 26/9/1919 as Motor Transport Drvr, 4 Motor Transport Company.

HARPER, Hugh Garrood. Born 21/4/1895 in Broken Hill, NSW. Fitter. 1/6/1915 enlisted Fremantle, WA. 17/7/1915 embarked as Gnr, Siege Artillery Brigade 1st Reinforcements from Melbourne

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to Egypt. 27/2/1916 sailed to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 31/8/1917 hospitalised, 8/10/1917 evacuated to England. 12/1/1918 returned to France, Australian Heavy Artillery Brigade. 6/2/1918 the DCM recommended but not awarded. 20/4/1918 Gnr, 36 (Australian) Brigade Royal Garrison Artillery. 15/8/1918 transferred to AFC Depot Wendover England from 2 Siege Battery France. 6/9/1918 to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading as Cadet for training as FO observer AFC. 29/1/1919 appointed Second Lt FO observer, AFC. 29/4/1919 Lt. Non-military education leave granted 16/6–16/9/1919 to attend Vickers Aircraft Factory (failed to carry out properly and a General Court Martial found him guilty – sentence: rank of Lt to be from 18/9/1919 and severe reprimand). AWL 8/10/1919–2/1/1920 General Court Martial guilty and sentence dismissed from service 12/1/1920, failed to embark returned to Australia *Orontes* 21/2/1920, discharged ex-Lt, AFC.

HARRINGTON, William Gould. Born 21/1/1891 in Prospect, SA. Enlisted 1/7/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 9/6/1916 as Sgt, 43rd Infantry Battalion for England via Marseilles. 25/11/1916 overseas to France. 15/2/1917 Second Lt. 30/5/1917: Lt. 31/7/1917 wounded in action: gunshot wound to thigh and was hospitalised in England. 12/10/1917 returned to 43rd Battalion France. 8/8/1918 to England to train as AFC pilot. 14/3/1919 graduated as Lt FO pilot at 7 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 26/11/1919 returned to Adelaide; appointment terminated 19/1/1920.

HARVEY, Frederick. Born 1895 King's Park, SA. Enlisted 19/8/1914 Adelaide, appointed 1st Light Horse Regt Machine Gun Sqdn and 22/10/1914 embarked for Egypt. 9/5/1915 to the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force Gallipoli. 11/7/1915 L/Cpl. 20/12/1915 from Gallipoli to Egypt. 29/12/1915 Western Frontier Force. 3/3/1916 Cpl. 22/5/1916 temporary Sgt. 29/7/1916 Second Lt and transferred to 1st Australian Machine Gun Sqdn. 22/12/1916: Lt. 9/1/1917 suffered gunshot wound to shoulder. 20/4/1917 1st CI Instructor Imperial School of Instruction. 9/9/1917 seconded 1 AFC and attached for training as observer. He was KIA 12/11/1917 in an aeroplane accident, Palestine.

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HARVEY, Harry Charles. Born 15/4/1893 in Greenock, SA. Enlisted 8/11/1915 Blackboy Hill, WA. 12/2/1916 embarked as Pte, 14th Reinforcements 16th Infantry Battalion from Fremantle to Egypt. 1/6/1916 left to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 12/7/1916 was sick in France and evacuated to England with shell shock. 13/3/1917 attached temporary duty AFC Depot. 2/4/1917 appointed 2 Air Mechanic sailmaker. 15/6/1917 attached 5 Training Sqdn AFC. 1/10/1917: 1 Air Mechanic. 8/7/1919 returned to WA; discharged 30/8/1919 as 1 Air Mechanic, AFC.

HASLAM, Spencer Heywood. Born 11/11/1895 in Glenelg, SA. Enlisted 19/10/1915 Adelaide. 10/2/1916 embarked 14th Reinforcements 3 Light Horse Regt for Egypt. 21/4/1916 transferred to 5th Dvn Artillery as Gnr. 16/5/1916 Drvr. 18/6/1916 embarked for Marseilles to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 1/11/1917 transferred to AFC and posted to England for pilot training. 9/2/1918 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC Minchinhampton. 4/5/1918 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot, AFC. 16/8/1918 hospitalised with a fractured nasal bone. 29/11/1918 medically fit for ground duties only at 6 Training Sqdn. 13/5/1919 returned to Adelaide; appointment terminated 26/10/19 as Second Lt, AFC. In WW2 he served in the RAAF as Squadron Leader, 6 Stores Depot.

HAWKINS, Arthur William. Born 31/5/1891 in Goodwood, SA. Enlisted 12/6/1915 Melbourne. Embarked 15/9/1915 as Pte, 8th Reinforcements 8th Infantry Battalion for Egypt. 7/12/1915 Gallipoli and 7/1/1916 returned to Egypt. 26/3/1916 from Egypt to the British Expeditionary Force France. 16/1/1917 L/Cpl. 29/4/1917 transferred to AFC as mechanic and posted to England. 16/6/1917 attached 6 Training Sqdn AFC as 2 Air Mechanic. 1/11/1917: 1 Air Mechanic. 7/10/1918 Acting Cpl. 16/6/1919 returned to Melbourne; discharged 13/9/1919 Acting Cpl, AFC. Served in the RAAF as AC2 RAAF HQ 1934–1939. In WW2 he served in the Australian Army 1940–1942 as Pte, 9 Garrison Battalion. He died 25/10/1951.

HAYWARD, Cedric Charles. Born 23/1/1895 in Adelaide, SA. Educated St Peter's College Adelaide and Magdalen College Oxford, UK. WW1 commissioned in Rifle Brigade and wounded in France. Transferred to RFC and graduated as Second Lt FO pilot. Posted in

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August 1916 to No. 18 RFC in France. 16/9/1916 crashed and was badly injured when hit balloon cable; invalided back to Australia. 1917 returned to England and served with No. 199 (Night) Training Sqdn RFC and with No. 189 (Night) Training Sqdn RFC in 1918. Post-Armistice he returned to Adelaide and entered legal practice in Adelaide. In WW2 he served as an instructor at No. 1 Elementary Flying Training School (EFTS) Parafield, SA. He became CO, No. 7 EFTS Western Junction and CO, No. 11 EFTS Benalla. He was discharged as Wing Cdr on 1/7/1947. A member of the Adelaide Club and a governor of St Peter's College, he died 23/7/1950. The Cedric Hayward Memorial Gates were donated to St Peter's College by his family.

HAYWARD, John Hartley. Born 5/9/1896 in Norwood, SA. WW1 joined RFC in England, commissioned Second Lt 14/8/1916. Second Lt FO pilot 29/11/1916. Posted 7 RFC France, was badly wounded 29/4/1917. After recovery flew in England on home defence duties with 37 (Home Defence) Sqdn RFC and also with No. 21 RFC. Post-Armistice he returned to Adelaide 1919. On 10/2/1928 gained his 'B' commercial licence and was engaged as pilot by F.C.R. Jaques of Wings Ltd. His commercial licence expired in 1929 and he later moved to Harvey in WA. In WW2 he served in the Australian Army as Pte 4th Battalion Volunteer Defence Corps. He died 1/8/1971 in Harvey.

HEATH, Bertram. Born 19/3/1893 in Gladstone, SA. Enlisted 14/6/1915 Keswick. 27/10/1915 embarked as Pte, 6th Reinforcements 11th Light Horse Regt for Egypt. 1/4/1916 Gnr, 41st Battery 11th Field Artillery Brigade. 1/6/1916 sailed from Egypt to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 14/11/1916 transferred to AFC and posted to No. 1 Officer Cadet Battalion England. 15/8/1917 discharged from the AIF and commissioned as Second Lt, RFC. 10/1917 posted to Egypt until the Armistice. Post-war returned to Adelaide. 1923 was a pilot with WA Airways. 1929 flew WA Airways DH50 VH-UMC in the Sydney-Perth Air Race. 1931 to New Guinea to fly with Guinea Airways. 1937 Guinea Airways survey flights and first weekly passenger-run Adelaide-Darwin. In WW2 flew evacuation flights from New Guinea and was in RAAF service. He died 8/9/1983 in Palm Beach, Qld.

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HENDRY, John Harold. Born 16/11/1894 in Georgetown, SA. Enlisted 5/8/1915 Blackboy Hill, WA. Embarked 1/11/1915 as Pte, 10th Light Horse Regt 11th Reinforcements from Fremantle; served in Egypt. 11/12/1916 to 1 AFC trade test. 19/12/1916 transferred to AFC. 20/1/1917 to 1 AFC as 2 Air Mechanic. 1 Air Mechanic 1/11/1917. 1/3/1918 embarked for England and AFC Depot Wendover. 5/6/1918 to 1 Wing HQ Tetbury. 3/2/1919 temporary Cpl Mechanic, Tetbury. 9/6/1919 returned to Fremantle; discharged at Perth 5/8/1919 as Acting Cpl, AFC.

HERSEY, Fred. Born 17/3/1898 in Marden, SA. Enlisted 10/1/1918 Adelaide. 27/2/1918 AFC Laverton. Embarked 7/3/1918 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC December Reinforcements. 15/5/1918 arrived England. 24/5/1918 transferred Drvr Motor Transport Australian Army Service Corps, Pte. 29/6/1918 overseas to France to 1st Australian Motor Transport Company. 14/5/1919 returned to England. 18/10/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged 12/11/1919 as Motor Transport Drvr, Motor Transport Company. He died 12/9/1942.

HEWITT, Cecil Austin. Born 26/1/1897 in Glen Osmond, SA. Enlisted AIF 12/6/1917 Adelaide. 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Laverton 20/9/1917. 6/2–29/4/1918 Air Cadet 10th Course Central Flying School Point Cook. 29/4/1918 Second Lt. 16/5/1918 appointed AFC Laverton. 5/6/1918 Second Lt, AFC Special Draft Officers embarked from Sydney for England. 6/9/1918 to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading then to Armament School Ealing. 10/12/1918 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC Minchinhampton for flying training. Returned to Adelaide 18/6/1919; appointment terminated 3/7/1919. 1926 was a pilot and committeeman Australian Aero Club (AAC), SA. 1928 refresher course AAC, SA. 1930 'B' Licence. In WW2 he was an instructor at Parafield, SA, 1940.

HILL, Alfred Charles. Born 3/5/1892 in Adelaide. Enlisted 14/6/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 14/9/1915 as Pte, 10th Reinforcements 10 Infantry Battalion. 16/9/1915 Cpl. 25/11/1915 joined 10th Battalion Mudros. 13/1/1916 returned to Egypt. 10/8/1916 attached Australian Army Pay Corps London. 7/4/1917 temporary Sgt. 5/10/1917 to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading Cadet

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AFC. 23/1/1918 to flying training 5 Training Sqdn AFC. 4/5/1918 to hospital following an aero accident. 24/8/1918 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC. 23/1/1919 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot. 23/4/1919: Lt. 26/11/1919 returned to Adelaide; 26/1/1920 appointment terminated as Lt, AFC. He died 1967.

HOCKING, Vernon. Born 25/11/1886 in Parkside, SA. Enlisted 22/8/1914 Adelaide. Embarked 22/10/1914 as Pte, 3rd Light Horse Regt. 9/5/1915 to Gallipoli. 20/12/1915 returned to Egypt. 29/12/1915 joined Western Frontier Force. 3/3/1916 L/Cpl. 29/10/1916 to 2 AFC for trade test. 1/12/1916 posted to 2 AFC as 2 Air Mechanic. 13–30/1/1917 from Egypt to England with 2 AFC. 19/3/1917 re-mustered from rigger to batman. 17/6/1917 re-mustered to Drvr, Motor Transport. 16/9/1917 overseas to France with 2 AFC. 20/3/1918 re-mustered from Motor Transport Drvr to assistant armourer. 14/9/1918 to Admin HQ London for Special Transport duty to Australia. 24/9/1918 embarked from Taranto on special leave (Anzac Leave). 23/11/1918 returned to Adelaide; discharged 22/1/1919 as L/Cpl, AFC. In WW2 he enlisted Adelaide 5/3/1941 and served in the Australian Army until discharge 5/2/1946 as Pte, 4th Reserve Motor Transport, possibly with a period as Japanese POW (he gave his birth details as 25/11/1896, Toowoomba).

HOLDEN, Leslie Hubert. Born 6/3/1895 East Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 26/5/1915 Sydney. Embarked 13/6/1915 as Pte, 4th Light Horse Brigade HQ from Sydney. 4/9/1915 Mediterranean Expeditionary Force Gallipoli 2nd Dvn HQ. 16/3/1916 from Egypt to the British Expeditionary Force France. 5/12/1916 to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading England for pilot training. 6/4/1917 Second Lt FO pilot and posted to 2 AFC Harlaxton. 27/5–2/7/1917 to 57 RFC France then returned to England to 2 AFC. 21/9/1917 overseas to France with 2 AFC, awarded the MC: 'for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, whilst on a special mission he dropped a bomb direct on a support trench full of the enemy, causing them to scatter, and another bomb upon a strong point which was holding up our advance. He also bombed a large group of enemy infantry and turned his machine gun on them from a height of 100 feet. He rendered very valuable service throughout the operations.'

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Les Holden flew with 2 AFC when the squadron went to France in September 1917 and was awarded the MC for his work during the Battle of Cambrai in November. He was posted back to England in April 1918 as Capt to impart his knowledge to trainee pilots at 6 TS AFC at Minchinhampton. Here he was photographed with his aunt and a friend standing in front of his red SE5A, painted distinctively for easy recognition during air fighting lessons.

27/3/1918 temporary Flt Cdr and temporary Capt. 8/4/1918 posted to England and to 6 Training Sqdn AFC Minchinhampton as 'B' Flt Cdr, also relieved Sqn Cdr G.A.C. Cowper when absent on duty. He was awarded the AFC: 'in recognition of distinguished services rendered during the war.' 19/6/1919 returned to Sydney; 18/8/1919 appointment terminated. 1919 flew in Peace Loan Rally, became involved in civil aviation. 1929 found Kingsford Smith and the *Southern Cross* when lost in North-West Australia. 1931 began freight and passenger air service in New Guinea. He was killed in an aircraft crash 18/9/1932 at Byron Bay, NSW.

HOLMES, Leslie Victor Deverell. Born 13/11/1894 in Islington, SA. Enlisted 6/9/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 17/12/1915 as Pte, 13th Reinforcements 3rd Field Company Engineers for Egypt. 6/6/1916 sailed to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 1/5/1917

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transferred to AFC and posted to England. 15/6/1917: 2 Air Mechanic attached to 2 AFC. 21/9/1917 overseas to France with 2 AFC. 1/12/1917 Cpl. 21/1–31/1/1918 hospitalised after an accident: injury to elbow. 17/5/1918 Cpl mechanic. 3/3/1919 returned to England. 14/6/1919 landed at Adelaide; 6/8/1919 discharged as Cpl Drvr, AFC. He died or was buried 15/10/1987.

HOLTHOUSE, Arthur Reginald. Born 28/5/1885 in Riverton, SA. Enlisted 4/6/1915 Adelaide. 1/8/1915 Pte, Australian Army Medical Corps 8th Field Ambulance. 10/11/1915 embarked from Melbourne for Egypt. 24/2/1916 transferred to 15th Field Ambulance. 18/6/1916 sailed for Marseilles to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 18/10/1916 transferred to School of Instruction RFC England. 26/1/1917 to 3 School of Military Aviation, posted to 42 RFC in Italy. 3/1918 returned with 42 RFC to France. 10/4/1918 he was KIA in France. His name is listed on the Arras Memorial, France, and on the Honour Roll of the SA National War Memorial, North Terrace, Adelaide.

HORN, Kelham Kirk. Born 18/9/1886 in Walkerville, SA. Educated Wilderness School. 1895 the family moved to England. Educated Haylesbury and Oxford University. WW1 enlisted 9/1914 as Trooper, 2nd King Edward's Horse. 1/10/1914 temporary Second Lt, Marine Brigade Motor Corps and served with Royal Naval Dvn Dunkirk. Resigned his Royal Marine commission on 27/10/1914 and drove for the 1st Cavalry Division without rank or pay, just free petrol and oil, until March 1915. Returned to England and learnt to fly at Brooklands: Royal Aero Club Certificate 1171, 15/4/1915. Appointed Second Lt, RFC; posted overseas to France to No. 7 RFC on 27/9/1915. Appointed Capt and Flt Cdr early in 1916. Returned to England 24/5/1916 to form No. 54 RFC in June. Temporary Major on 1/11/1916. Took squadron to France in December; suffered knee injury during enemy bomb raid and unable to fly operations. 11/1917 returned to Home Establishment England, awarded the MC. 1918 to Croydon as CO, then later to London Colney. He was demobbed early 1919.

28/2/1939 PO on probation, RAF Volunteer Reserve in Administration and Special Duties Branch. 24/5/1963 had the unique distinction

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of presenting the Sqdn Standard to No. 54 RAF at Waterbeach; on 9/8/1967 his portrait was presented to the squadron. Major Kelham Horn, MC, MA, Belgian Croix de Guerre, died in England 17/11/1977.

HORN, Marmaduke Langdale. Born 23/11/1889 'Holmwood' in Walkerville, SA. The family moved to England 1895. Educated Harrow School. WW1 served in RFC/RAF Quartermaster Section Admin non-flying. 1919 awarded the Croix de Guerre with bronze star for RAF service. Post-war Director of Horn Trust and Investments and Kuala Selangor Rubber Co Ltd; was a serious art collector and donor. He died 18/8/1953 in England aged sixty-four.

Another brother, Spencer Bertram Horn, just fails to qualify as SA-born because his birth on 18/4/1895 took place a day or so after the Horn family disembarked in England from Adelaide. During the war he distinguished himself by scoring thirteen victories in the RFC/RAF and earned an MC.

HORNABROOK, Leonard Charles. Born 25/10/1895 in Kapunda, SA. Enlisted 21/9/1914 Adelaide. Embarked 22/12/1914 as Cpl Drvr, Mechanic Australian Army Service Corps for England. 9/7/1915 overseas to France. 6/11/1916 transferred to RFC Cadet Battalion England. 26/1/1917 to 3 School of Military Aviation Exeter College Oxford. 16/3/1917 discharged from AIF and commissioned as Second Lt, RFC; gained Royal Aero Club Pilot Certificate 4534 on 22/4/1917. Transferred to 1st/4th Battalion Leicestershire Regt and overseas to France, assigned Second Lt, RFC. 21/5/1918 he was KIA: he died from gas poisoning while acting as Intelligence Officer after being invalided out of RFC.

HOWARD, Osmond John. Born 31/12/1888 in Glen Osmond, SA. Enlisted 20/8/1914. Embarked 20/10/1914 as Drvr, 3rd Field Ambulance Adelaide. 11/7/1915 wounded in action at Gallipoli, 11/8/1915 wounded in action at Gallipoli. 1/9/1916 from 2 Australian Stationary Hospital to AFC as 2 Air Mechanic. 20/1/1917: 2 Air Mechanic fitter, 2 AFC 'A' Flt, served in France with 2 AFC. 17/5/1918 Sgt re-mustered as Sgt mechanic, 2 AFC. Post-Armistice worked for Boulton & Paul Aircraft Co. 18/8/1919 returned to Melbourne then Adelaide; 2/9/1919 discharged as

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Osmond 'Jack' Howard was severely wounded at Gallipoli, but instead of accepting repatriation to Australia he transferred to the AFC and served with 1 AFC in Egypt and with 2 AFC in France, where he rose to the rank of Sgt Mechanic. After the war he returned to Australia and took part in a number of long-distance flights as mechanic. Here he is shown (3rd right) during the 1920 flight traversing Australia by pilot Frank Briggs in the DH4 operated by C. J. de Garis (in the cockpit with Howard).

Sgt, AFC. Worked in civil aviation and in 1920 was mechanic on the first west-east flight across Australia from Perth to Sydney, also a number of long-distance flights in Australia and New Guinea while with Civil Aviation Branch. In WW2 he served in the Australian Army V380875, enlisted 16/4/1942 Morwell, Victoria (next of kin Nellie Howard). Discharged 31/10/1945 as Lt, 12 Battalion Volunteer Defence Corps. 1967 Glen Osmond, SA, member AFA, SA. He died 30/12/1983.

HOWELL, Cedric Ernest. Born 17/6/1896 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 1/1/1916 Melbourne. Embarked 14/3/1916 as Pte, 16th Reinforcements 14th Infantry Battalion from Melbourne for Egypt. 24/5/1916 to 46th Battalion. 7/6/1916 sailed to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 26/7/1916 Acting Sgt. 4/11/1916 L/Cpl. 11/11/1916 transferred to RFC England and to 1st RFC Officers

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Cadet Battalion. 26/1/1917 to RFC Exeter College as Cadet. 16/3/1917 discharged AIF and commissioned as Second Lt, RFC: pilot training Civilian Flying School RFC Hendon and RFC Central Flying School Upavon. 10/1917 posted to No. 45 RFC in France then 12/1917 to Italy. Credited with nineteen victories, awarded the MC, DFC and DSO, promoted Capt. Post-war 15/8/1919 he was nominated by Martinsyde Ltd as pilot of Martinsyde Type A Mark 1 aircraft in the 1919 England–Australia race. On 9/12/1919 Howell and George Henry Fraser crashed at 10 pm in San Georgia Bay, Corfu. 15/12/1919 Howell's body was exhumed and returned to Australia. 22/4/1920 he was buried with full military honours at Heidelberg, Victoria.

HUGHES, Walter. Born 17/1/1886 in Hilton, SA. Enlisted 4/1/1916 Adelaide. Embarked as Pte, 11th Field Ambulance Australian Army Medical Corps 30/6/1916 from Melbourne. 23/8/1916 England. 24/11/1916 overseas to France. 30/4/1917 transferred AFC and 1/5/1917 to Officers Cadet School Cambridge England. 2 Air Mechanic 8/6/1917. 15/6/1917 attached 5 Training Sqdn AFC. 28/10/1919 returned to Adelaide; 12/12/1919 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC. He died 31/1/1959 Adelaide.

HULBERT, Jack Eric. Born 1893 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 20/9/1916 Claremont, Tasmania. 16/11/1916 appointed Pte, 4 AFC 'C' Flt Laverton. 17/1/1917 embarked with 4 AFC for England. 1/2/1917 disembarked Fremantle and admitted to 8 Australian General Hospital with dizziness, deafness, sickness: radical mastoid operation was performed. 25/4/1917 returned to Melbourne then to Tasmania; 8/6/1917 discharged permanently, medically unfit for service duties.

HUMBLE, Thomas Alfred. Born 25/8/1896 in Payneham, SA. Enlisted 25/9/1914 Adelaide. 5/12/1914 Pte, 1 Australian Stationary Hospital, embarked for Egypt. 2/3/1915 to Mediterranean Expeditionary Force Gallipoli. 29/12/1915 returned to Egypt. 5/5/1916 L/Cpl. 6/5/1916 transferred to 12 Infantry Brigade Machine Gun Company. 2/6/1916 sailed to Marseilles to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 5/8/1916 wounded in action and evacuated to hospital in England. 28/2/1917 promoted Second

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Lt. 21/6/1917 overseas to France to 10 Machine Gun Company. 25/9/1917 promoted to Lt. 4/1/1918 seconded to AFC England and to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading. 26/3/1918 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 20/6/1918 graduated as FO pilot, AFC. 9/9/1918 to Central Despatch Pool RAF. 20/11/1918 embarked to return to Australia on 1914–1918 Anzac Leave. Returned 6/1/1919 to Adelaide; 6/3/1919 appointment terminated. In WW2 he served in RAAF as Sqdn Leader, Administration & Special Duties Branch. He died 4/2/1986.

HUMPHERY, Richard. Born 7/5/1891 in Plympton, SA. Enlisted 14/11/1914 Adelaide. Embarked as Pte, 3rd Reinforcements 3rd Light Horse Regt 29/1/1915 for Egypt and Gallipoli. 2/10/1915 admitted to hospital and 4/12/1915 evacuated sick with an enteric condition. 29/2/1916 arrived Adelaide, 19/4/1916 returned to duty. 23/6/1916 embarked as Pte, 18th Reinforcements 3rd Light Horse Regt and arrived Egypt 9/8/1916. 28/10/1916 trade test AFC. 27/11/1916 posted to 2 AFC as 2 Air Mechanic. 13/1/1917 embarked for England. 1/8/1917: 1 Air Mechanic. 21/9/1917 to France with 2 AFC. 17/1/1919 returned to England. 21/3/1919 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC Minchinhampton. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; 13/8/1919 discharged as 1 Air Mechanic, AFC.

INGLIS, Elliott Scott Young. Born 15 or 21/3/1897 in Lower Mitcham, SA. Lt, AIF for 1 year 8 months. Enlisted 25/1/1918 and commissioned as Second Lt, AFC Laverton. Embarked 28/2/1918 as Second Lt, AFC Reinforcements and Special Details for England. To 1 School of Military Aviation Reading 6/5/1918 and 24/6/1918 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC Minchinhampton. 6/11/1918 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot. 12/12/1918 overseas to 2 AFC France. 6/2/1919: Lt FO pilot. 12–19/2/1919 ferried aircraft between France and England. 3/3/1919 returned to England. During non-military education 14/4–14/10/1919 with Avro Co flew Avro aircraft to Holland, 1–16/8/1919 for delivery to Dutch Government. 22/2/1920 arrived Adelaide; 23/3/1920 appointment terminated as Lt FO pilot, AFC. He died 23/7/1971 Melbourne.

ISAAC, Luke Gonzalo. Born 26/8/1889 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 28/5/1915 Liverpool, NSW. Embarked 11/12/1915 as Pte, 7th

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Reinforcements 5th Field Ambulance Australian Army Medical Corps from Sydney to Egypt. 6/3/1916 transferred to 2nd Field Ambulance. 23/3/1916 sailed to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 29/4/1917 transferred to AFC England. 15/6/1917 posted to 6 Training Sqdn AFC as 2 Air Mechanic. 19/1/1918 re-mustered as clerk from motor cyclist. 1/4/1918: 1 Air Mechanic. 17/5/1918 re-mustered 1st Cl Clerk. 1/2/1919 attached AFC HQ. 19/6/1919 returned to Sydney; 11/8/1919 discharged as 1 Air Mechanic, AFC.

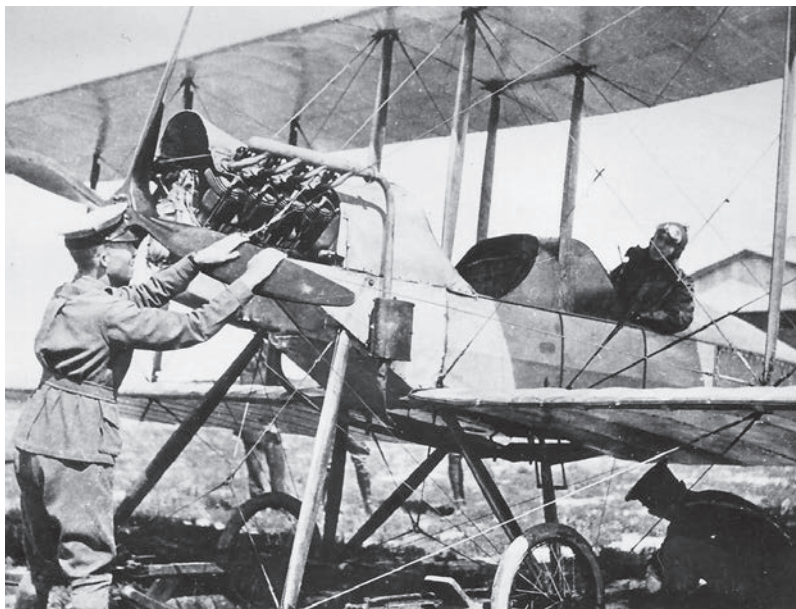
JACKETT, Percy John. Born 19/10/1890 in Mintaro, SA. Enlisted 16/10/1916 Adelaide. 24/5/1917 Gnr, 32nd Reinforcements Field Artillery Brigade Maribyrnong. 26/11/1917 embarked from Melbourne: 27/12/1917 to Suez, 29/1–4/2/1918 Alexandria–Taranto, then train through France. 15/2/1918 England and to Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery. 2/11/1918 to AFC and to 2 School of Military Aviation as Cadet. 3/1/1919 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC. 1/4/1919 Second Lt FO pilot, AFC. 12/4/1919 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC Minchinhampton. 18/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; 11/7/1919 appointment terminated. He died 1944.

JAMES, Bertram. Born 8/6/1895 in Balaclava, SA. Commissioned Second Lt, RFC 1916. 15/8/1916 Royal Aero Club (Certificate 3419). Pilot with 3 RFC in France 11/1916, injured 7/1917, notification of promotion to Capt 10/1917. He was killed in a crash while instructing in England 7/5/1918.

JAMES, David Ludwig. Born 12/12/1896 in Kapunda, SA. Enlisted 15/5/1916 Adelaide. Embarked 24/1/1917 as Pte, 19th Reinforcements 27th Infantry Battalion from Adelaide. 27/3/1917 landed in England. 2/7/1917 to AFC Depot Parkhouse. 4/8/1917 transferred to AFC. 26/1/1918 to 7 Training Sqdn AFC Leighton. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; 22/7/1919 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

JEFFREYS, Jeffrey Graham. Born 30/4/1893 in Norwood, SA. Enlisted 21/8/1916 Melbourne. 20/2/1917 Gnr, 14th Reinforcements 6th Field Artillery Brigade. Embarked 11/5/1917 for England. 18/9/1917 overseas to France. 5/4/1918 transferred to AFC and to 2 School of Military Aviation Oxford as Cadet. 15/7/1918 to 7 Training Sqdn AFC

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A BE2a, one of two utilised as trainer aeroplanes at AFC CFS, Point Cook



The Caudron G.III CFS-9 which was used as a trainer at AFC CFS, Point Cook, in 1916

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Leighterton. 15/10/1918 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot. 10/4/1919 returned to Adelaide; 13/5/1919 appointment terminated as Second Lt, AFC. Returned to England 1921: established Bryanston School 1928; Ottershaw College 1932, 1934 ordained as Deacon. 1938 took up flying again with Brooklands Flying Club. He served as a chaplain during WW2. Officiated as Vicar 1945–1947. He died 1977 in Bournemouth.

JENKINS, Richard Kirkhouse. Born 18/2/1889 in Terowie, SA, Wirraminna Station. 31/8/1916 gained Royal Aero Club Certificate 3511 in England and served as Second Lt FO pilot, RFC. Post-war returned to Australia. He died 21/11/1950 in Adelaide.

JOHNS, Thomas Mervyn. Born 14/1/1890 in Bowden, SA. Enlisted 27/7/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 27/10/1915 as Pte, 11th Reinforcements 12th Infantry Battalion. 3/3/1916 to 52 Battalion Egypt. 14/3/1916 transferred to 24th Howitzer Brigade 111 Battery. 26/3/1916 Acting Cpl. 25/5/1916 T/Bdr. 3/6/1916 sailed from Egypt to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 25/1/1917 to 11th Field Artillery Brigade. 9/8/1917 transferred to AFC as 2 Air Mechanic. 4/10/1918 returned to Adelaide because of epilepsy and was discharged medically unfit 29/11/1918. He died 18/5/1946.

JOHNSON, William Frederick Collins. Born 25/5/1880 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 7/4/1917 Perth, WA. 15/7/1917 Field Artillery Reinforcements Maribyrnong, Victoria. 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Laverton 1/11/1917. Embarked 26/11/1917 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Special Draft Reinforcements. 27/12/1917 Suez. 29/1–4/2/1918 sailed to Taranto. 7–14/2/1918 train to Cherbourg. 15/2/1918 to England and AFC Depot Wendover. 18/3/1918 to School of Technical Training. 14/5/1918 to No. 1 School of Navigation and Bomb Dropping Stonehenge. 5/9/1918 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC. 26/12/1918 overseas to France to 3 AFC. Returned 3/3/1919 to England. 9/6/1919 returned to Perth; discharged 2/7/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

JOLLY, Ernest Edward. Born 26/7/1892 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 8/3/1916 Melbourne as Australian Army Medical Corps Ambulance Drvr. 16/2/1917 Pte, AFC Laverton. Embarked 16/6/1917 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC 10th Reinforcements to England and AFC

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Depot Wendover. 16/11/1917 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC. 30/3/1918 attached 1 Wing HQ. 12/4/1918 to 1 Wing AFC from 5 Training Sqdn AFC Minchinhampton. 12/5/1918 to 1 Wing HQ. Granted leave without pay 18/4–17/10/1919 to return to Australia at own expense via America. Landed Melbourne 1/7/1919 and was discharged 12/11/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC. *Sunday Herald* report 24/2/1952: Mr Ernest Edward Jolly, fifty-nine, Adelaide businessman and racehorse owner, died that day.

JONES, George Randall. Born 15/7/1893 in Fulham, SA. Enlisted 12/1/1916 Adelaide. 1/8/1916 Pte, 21st Reinforcements 9th Light Horse Regt. Embarked 24/8/1916 from Adelaide. 21/9/1916 Egypt. 9/3/1917 transferred to 'B' Troop Signals Sqdn 1st Imperial Mounted Dvn. 14/7/1917 to Cable Section AIF. 20/12/1917 hospitalised with knee injury from a horse fall. 26/3/1918 transferred 1 AFC as Pte 2nd Cl. 13/4/1919 returned to Adelaide; 21/5/1919 discharged as Pte, 1 AFC. He died 21/8/1952 in Adelaide.

JOYNER, Keith Vaughan. Born 15/6/1897 in North Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 9/3/1915 Adelaide as Pte, 27th Infantry Battalion. Embarked 31/5/1915 from Adelaide for Egypt. 30/8/1915 fractured leg in a motorbike accident: returned to Australia; discharged 8/2/1916 Adelaide. Enlisted 3/1/1917 Claremont, Tasmania, as 2 Air Mechanic, 8th (February) Reinforcements AFC. Embarked 11/5/1917 from Melbourne for England. 1/1/1918 posted overseas to Egypt and 1 AFC. 3/11/1918 re-mustered Drvr from motor cyclist. 7/3/1919 returned to Tasmania; 6/4/1919 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, 1 AFC.

KAUPER, Henry Alexis ('Harry'). Born 12/3/1888 in Hawthorn, Melbourne, Victoria. After school trained as motor mechanic, specialising in electrical systems. Also worked as chauffeur. 1911 with Harrison, Hawker and Busteed watched Hammond fly at Altona Beach, 5/1911 arrived England with Busteed, Hawker, Cato to study aviation, 6/1912 became mechanic for T. O. M. Sopwith. 1913 when the Sopwith Aviation Co was formed, Kauper was works foreman and Hawker the chief test pilot. 8/1913 Hawker and Kauper flew in the *Daily Mail* Circuit of Britain Contest for seaplanes. At start of 1914 Kauper accompanied

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Harry Kauper was not SA-born, but he became works manager of the Sopwith Aviation Company during the war. After returning to Australia, he forged strong SA connections through his partnership with Harry Butler. His later achievements included involvement in establishing radio stations, and the development of radio telephony which was so vital for the success of the flying doctor service.

Hawker to Australia on a sales tour to promote the Sopwith Tabloid. Returned to England 6/1914, resumed position as works manager for Sopwith Aviation Co. With war orders the company grew to over 3,800 employees. Kauper invented the Sopwith-Kauper synchronising machine-gun gear for firing through a revolving propeller; first used 4/1916 and 3,950 were built. 25/10/1918 Kauper joined RAF as Second Lt (admin) and worked on experimental research.

Returned to Australia 1919: arrived Adelaide with Harry Butler. Together registered the Harry J. Butler & Kauper Aviation Co 10/1919. This venture pioneered commercial aviation in South Australia, using Bristol Monoplane G-AUCH and Avro 504K G-AUCG. In 1921 the company went into voluntary liquidation.

Kauper now focused his talents as a pioneering radio engineer. 1920: had established radio station 5BG at Dulwich, SA. By 1922 had participated in the first radio telephony tests in SA. 1924 was partner in the Adelaide Radio Co, which manufactured radio equipment. Was also involved in experimental broadcasting under call-sign 5DN. 11/1925 signals from Kauper's low-powered crystal-

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controlled transmitter were picked up in New York and California, a world record. He was also involved in the development of radio sets for use in isolated outback locations, an innovation that ultimately led to the widespread use of pedal sets by the Flying Doctor service. By 1930 he was the chief engineer for the commercial station 5AD, designing and building much of their transmitting equipment. 1940 was given civilian position in the Aeronautical Inspection Directorate: oversaw repair and installation of radio equipment for RAAF. He died suddenly of coronary disease on 22/4/1942 at his home in Richmond, Melbourne.

KIDD, James Gilbert. Born 14/7/1891 in Port Adelaide, SA. WW1 served 36th Jacob's Horse Indian Army then RFC. 21/9/1916 Royal Aero Club Certificate 3596. Temporary Second Lt 24/12/1916. Temporary Lt 1/6/1917. Temporary Capt 3/8/1918. He died 22/2/1969 in Rose Bay, NSW.

KILSBY, Melville James. Born 26/11/1894 in Mt Gambier, SA. Enlisted 29/2/1916 Adelaide Pte, 2nd Reinforcements 5th Pioneer Battalion. Embarked 11/4/1916 Adelaide for Egypt. 21/6/1916 sailed to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 23/10/1916 L/Cpl. 17/12/1916 hospitalised with a scalded foot and evacuated to England. 11/7/1917 Engineer Sgt. 4/10/1917 to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading. 23/1/1918 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC Shawbury. 11/8/1918 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot, AFC. 2/10/1918 overseas to France to 4 AFC. 30/10/1918 POW wounded in action. 24/12/1918 repatriated to England. 1/1/1919: Lt. 21/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; 27/9/1920 appointment terminated as Lt, AFC. He died 11/8/1967 in Adelaide.

KILSBY, Walter Nicholls. Born 4/2/1894 in Mt Gambier, SA. Enlisted 20/11/1916 Adelaide. 10/5/1917 embarked as 2 Air Mechanic, 9th Reinforcements AFC from Sydney. 20/7/1917 England. 29/12/1917 overseas to France and 11/1/1918 to 2 AFC. 12/8/1918 hand injury from swinging a propeller when engine kicked over twice despite switch being off: invalided to England. 28/12/1918 returned to France and rejoined 2 AFC. 3/3/1919 returned to England. 14/6/1919 landed in Adelaide; 14/7/1919 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC. He died 6/5/1962 in Waikerie, SA, aged sixty-eight.

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KING, Jack Horatio Sydney. Born circa 1891 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 5/10/1916 Brisbane, Qld. 2 Air Mechanic, 2nd Reinforcements 2 AFC Laverton 7/11/1916. Embarked 23/11/1916 from Melbourne. 29/1/1917 England: training including School of Technical Training Reading. 15/6–1/8/1917 attached 6 Training Sqdn AFC Shawbury. 1/8–11/9/1917 in hospital, then 6 Training Sqdn AFC. 27/9/1917 to AFC Depot Wendover. 24/11/1917–31/5/1918 sick. 2–9/8/1918 sick with malaria. 24/8/1918 returned to Australia and 9/10/1918 disembarked Sydney for Brisbane; 27/2/1919 discharged Brisbane as 2 Air Mechanic, 3 AFC, medically unfit.

KIRKPATRICK, Alfred Allott. Born 7/3/1872 in Glenelg, SA. Enlisted 16/8/1916 Melbourne, Victoria. Embarked 25/10/1916 as Pte, 2 AFC. 28/12/1916 England and 3 AFC South Carlton. 14/8/1917: 1 Air Mechanic. 19/8/1917 overseas to France with 3 AFC. 1/1/1918 Cpl. 17/5/1918 Cpl Mechanic. 10/11/1918 temporary Sgt Mechanic. 1/4/1919 returned to England from France. Embarked 25/9/1919 on *Port Denison*. 17/10/1919 disembarked Cape Town and 30/10/1919 re-embarked on *Benalla*. 25/11/1919 returned to Melbourne; discharged 9/1/1920 as Acting Sgt, AFC.

KITTO, Eugene Samuel. Born 6/10/1892 in Port Germein, SA. Enlisted 26/8/1916 Adelaide. Embarked 25/10/1916 as Pte, 2 AFC from Melbourne. 28/12/1916 England and 3 AFC South Carlton, 2 Air Mechanic. 1/5/1917: 1 Air Mechanic. 1/8/1917 Cpl. 19/8/1917 overseas to France with 3 AFC. 17/5/1918 Cpl Mechanic. 1/7/1918 Sgt Mechanic. 7/12/1918–19/2/1919 attached 4th Aircraft Park RAF. 3/3/1919 returned to England. 14/6/1919 arrived Adelaide; 27/7/1919 discharged as Cpl Mechanic, AFC. He died 4/10/1949 in Adelaide.

LANDER, Henry Dickson. Born 17/9/1890 in Farina, SA. Believed to have served in the RNAS. He died 7/1/1930 at Randwick Military Hospital in NSW aged thirty-nine; he was buried at Waverley Cemetery, NSW, 8/1/1930.

LARKIN, Herbert Joseph ('Jimmy'). Born 8/10/1894 in Brisbane, Qld. Educated St Thomas's Grammar School, Melbourne. 1912 joined Union Steam Ship Co. WW1: enlisted 19/8/1914 as Cpl, 1st Signal Troop Australian Engineers AIF. Embarked for overseas 20/10/1914.

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Signals clerk to Generals Monash and Chauvel in Egypt and Gallipoli. 9/5/1915 arrived Gallipoli. Wounded, 10/1915 invalided to England. Promoted Sgt 22/11/1915. 21/4/1916 transferred RFC, graduated as FO pilot, RFC. 17/7/1916 posted to No. 5 RFC France. 22/4/1917 'C' Flt Cdr. 14/7/1917 award of Croix de Guerre with Palm gazetted: 'for conspicuously valuable photo and reconnaissance work in connection with German retreat from Bapaume.' Returned to Home Establishment as instructor. 1918 made Flt Cdr, No. 87 RFC RAF and to France 26/4/1918: credited with eleven victories, Capt, awarded the DFC.

11/6/1919 in London: with brother Reg and others formed Larkin-Sopwith Aviation Co of Australasia Ltd. Arrived in Melbourne 25/7/1919 with Sopwith Dove and Gnu on the way from England. 15/10/1919 Larkin received first Dove from England and also began manufacture of petrol storage systems at Glenhuntly, Victoria. 25/10/1919 Larkin made the first night flight in Australia in an illuminated Dove at Melbourne Henley Regatta. 26/12/1919 organised air pageant at Epsom Racecourse, Mordialloc, with parachute descents, aerobatics, and a thirty-seven-mile air race. 9/1920 temporarily operated as Larkin-Sopwith Aircraft Supply Co Pty Ltd. 1/7/1921 registered as Larkin Aircraft Supply Co Ltd. 27/12/1920 organised Victorian Aerial Derby at Epsom Racecourse. 1921–1922 as Managing Director of Australian Aerial Mail Services (operated as Australian Aerial Services Ltd) (AAS) won contracts Sydney–Adelaide and Sydney–Brisbane. 2/6/1924 first AAS service Adelaide–Sydney. 1927 established Coode Island factory. Also established aerodromes in Adelaide, Victoria, Riverina. 1928 awarded Camooweal–Daly Waters service. 6/2–8/2/1929 Shepherd Enquiry into Larkin's allegations of bribery and corruption against M.L. Shepherd, Secretary to Department of Defence: Shepherd was cleared of all charges. 1929 produced Shackleton-designed Lascoter aircraft. 5/8/1929 Larkin's AAS Adelaide Aerodrome opposite Parafield was opened by Governor Sir Alexander Hore-Ruthven. 4/2/1930 formed unsubsidised Murray Valley Aerial Services Ltd. 14/3/1930 began Melbourne–Adelaide service. 1931 opened Larkin Flying School at Coode Island. 1933 produced Shackleton-designed Lasconder: first time there was an Australian-designed 3-engined

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aircraft on regular service. 1935 went into liquidation; assets went to New England Airways later Airlines of Australia (AOA). Larkin was traffic manager for AOA. 1937 left Australia for Europe.

In WW2: 1939–1943 Flt Lt and Sqdn Ldr. 10/4/1943 relinquished commission RAF. 1942–1946 served with American forces as purchasing officer. Post-WW2: London manager KLM, then engaged in disposal of surplus US Army and Air Force gear. He retired to the Channel Islands and died in St Martin, Guernsey, 20/6/1972.

LARKIN, Reginald Stanley. Born 10/6/1898 in Norwood, SA, younger brother of H.J. 'Jimmy' Larkin. Educated Essendon State School and South Melbourne College. WW1: enlisted RFC in England, pilot night bombers; awarded the MC for numerous bombing raids and invested by King George V 4/2/1918. 1919 organised the London end of the Larkin-Sopwith Aviation Co of Australasia Ltd, later was executive of overseas companies. He died 12/2/1983 in England.

LAWSON, Percy Harold. Born 1897 in Largs Bay, SA. Enlisted 26/7/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 27/10/1915 as Pte, 11th Reinforcements 9th Light Horse Regt. 28/12/1915 to 9 Light Horse Regt Heliopolis. 6/3/1916 to 3rd Light Horse Reserve Regt. 16/6/1916 hospitalised and transferred to England. 20/11/1916 overseas to France to 48 Battalion. 15/1/1917 wounded in action: gunshot wound to the thigh and right arm, evacuated to England. Discharged 25/5/1917. 15/6/1917 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC Shawbury. 27/10/1917 Second Lt FO pilot. 23/11/1917 overseas to France to 2 AFC. He was KIA 6/1/1918.

LEITCH, Angus Knight. Born 2/1/1899 in East Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 16/4/1917 Adelaide. 6/2/1918: 2 Air Mechanic AFC Laverton. Embarked 28/2/1918 from Melbourne. 20/4/1918 arrived England, 25/6/1918 to 7 Training Sqdn AFC. 18/7/1918 to No. 2 Two Sqdn Station Leighton. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; 29/6/19 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC. In WW2 he served in the Australian Army 1942–1944 as Lt in Adelaide. He died 1982 in Adelaide.

LEONARD, Aubrey Benedict. Born 1897 in Broken Hill, NSW. Telegraphist. Enlisted 7/12/1916 Showground Camp, Sydney.

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Sapper, Depot Signal Training Company, School of Wireless Moore Park. 17/4/1917 Pte, AFC 10th (April) Reinforcements Laverton. Embarked 16/6/1917 from Sydney. 25/8/1917 England and to 1 and 3 Details Camp Parkhouse. 4/9/1917 to AFC Depot Wendover. 11/9/1917 to 4 AFC Castle Bromwich as 2 Air Mechanic. 16/12/1917 overseas to France 4 AFC. 12/1/1918 sick: in hospital sick in France. 23/1/1918 admitted to hospital in England. 8/4/1918 left for Australia for discharge: debility, flu, tachycardia. 12/7/1918 transhipped at Cairo. 17/8/1918 arrived Sydney; 21/11/1918 discharged medically unfit as 2 Air Mechanic, 4 AFC. He died 1968 in Victoria aged seventy-one.

LEWIS, George Wyndham Campbell. Born 12/3/1899 in Edwardstown, SA. Enlisted 3/4/1916 Adelaide. 18/4/1916 appointed Pte, 1st Reinforcements 43rd Infantry Battalion AIF and embarked 9/6/1916 for England. 3/9/1916 to Grenade School Lyndhurst and qualified as an instructor. 23/7/1917 overseas to France to 43 Battalion. 4/7/1918 transferred to Australian Corps School. 17–21/9/1918 hospitalised with shrapnel wound to the right ear (accidental injury). 5/10/1918 to England for AFC training. 2/11/1918 to 2 School of Military Aviation Oxford. 2/1/1919 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC. 1/4/1919 Second Lt FO on probation AFC. 18/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; appointment terminated 2/8/1919. In the mid-1930s he formed Goldfields Airways and Eastern Goldfields Section Australian Army Medical Service from Kalgoorlie, WA. He died in Esperance, WA, 3/9/1990.

LIENERT, Fred Percy. Born 15/5/1895 in Greenock, SA. Enlisted 30/6/1916 Adelaide. Embarked 28/8/1916 as Pte, 3rd Reinforcements 43 Infantry Battalion. 11/10/1916 England and transferred to 37 Battalion. 22/11/1916 overseas to France. 7/6/1917 wounded in action: gassed and evacuated to England. 23/10/1917 transferred to AFC, 2 Air Mechanic. 22/11/1917 overseas to France to 3 AFC. 23/1–26/2/1918 in hospital with trench fever then rejoined 3 AFC. 3/3/1919 returned to England. 30/7/1919 arrived Adelaide; discharged 14/9/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, 3 AFC. He died 30/8/1965 in Adelaide aged seventy.

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LOCK, Francis Michael. Born 17/3/1895 in Allendale East, SA. Enlisted 7/8/1916 Adelaide. 6/10/1916–3/1/1917 Engineers Depot, School of Wireless Moore Park as Sapper. Embarked 17/1/1917 as 2 Air Mechanic, 4 AFC for England. 16/4/1917 to Wireless School South Farnborough. 6/7/1917 to Cadet Battalion Oxford. 30/11/1917 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot. 28/2/1918: Lt. 26/5/1918 posted overseas to 3 AFC. Force-landed several times as a result of combat and ground fire. 4/9/1918 granted three weeks' sick leave to England because of flying sickness. 29/9/1918 rejoined 3 AFC. 6/11/1918 admitted Casualty Clearing Station with influenza and was evacuated to hospital in England. Returned to Adelaide 1/1/1920; appointment terminated 16/2/1920. He served in WW2 as Flt Lt 1 Engineering School.

LOFTES, Clarence William Basil. Born 12/4/1895 or 1897 in Morchard, SA. Enlisted 23/9/1916 Adelaide. Embarked 14/2/1917 as Gnr, 6th Field Artillery Brigade 13 Reinforcements for England. 13/9/1917 transferred to AFC. 5/10/1917 to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading as Cadet. 23/1/1918 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC for preliminary instruction in aviation. 12/4/1918 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot. 3/7/1918 posted overseas to France to 3 AFC. 12/7/1918: Lt. Took part in the Battle of Amiens 8/1918, also flew special reconnaissances in Bristol Fighters of 'O' Flt. 29/7/1919 returned to Adelaide; 28/9/1919 appointment terminated. 1919 flew as a pilot for Aerial Transport of SA and in 1920 for Dudley Angas. He died 16/2/1940 in Perth, WA.

LOVEDAY, Albert James. Born 19/2/1897 in Mt Pleasant, SA. Enlisted 17/8/1917 Mt Pleasant. 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Laverton 22/11/1917. 27/11/1917 Acting L/Cpl. 22/12/1917 embarked for Egypt. 24/1/1918 to 1 AFC. 13/12/1918 re-mustered as 2 Air Mechanic (aero engine). 13/4/1919 disembarked Adelaide; 28/4/19 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC. He died 2/6/1973 in Adelaide aged seventy-six.

LOVEGROVE, Laurence Ewin. Born 11/6/1893 in Meningie, SA. Enlisted 20/3/1916 Wentworth, NSW. 25/10/1916 embarked as Pte, 2 AFC. 28/12/1916 England. 12/1–12/2/1917 to 12 Reserve Sqdn RFC Thetford as 2 Air Mechanic then 3 AFC South Carlton. 14/8/1917: 1

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Air Mechanic. 19/8/1917 overseas to France with 3 AFC. 25/2/1918 was sick with osteoma of the heel and was evacuated to England. 28/9/1918 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 16/6/1919 arrived Melbourne; discharged 1/9/1919 as Air Mechanic, AFC.

LYNE, Hannibal Thomas Mitchell. Born 1/5/1897 in Unley, SA. Enlisted 31/5/1915 Adelaide. 12/8–16/9/1915 in 7 Australian General Hospital with cerebrospinal meningitis. 31/1/1916 discharged medically unfit. Re-enlisted 7 Australian General Hospital 1/11/1916. 8/9/1917 discharged at 7 Australian General Hospital at own request to re-enlist. 10/9/1917 re-enlisted Adelaide. 6/3/1918: 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Laverton and embarked 5/10/1918 22nd Reinforcements AFC for England. 28/12/1918 overseas to France and 4 AFC. 11/3/1919 returned to England. 12/12/1919 arrived Adelaide; 28/12/19 discharged as Hon 2 Cpl, 4 AFC. In WW2 he served as Lt, Australian Garr Battalion and later moved to Calgary in Canada.

MacDONALD, Archie Robert. Born 25/8/1889 in Finnis near Strathalbyn, SA. Motor mechanic. Enlisted 19/10/1916. 23/2/1917 Pte, 9th Light Horse Regt 27th Reinforcements. Embarked 9/5/1917 from Sydney. 20/6/1917 Suez. 25/7/1917 trade test. Transferred 7/8/1917 to 1 AFC as 2 Air Mechanic. 1 Air Mechanic 1/3/1918. 13/12/1918 re-mustered as Mechanic 1st Cl. 5/3/1919 embarked for return to Australia. 13/4/1919 arrived Adelaide; discharged 13/5/1919 as 1 Air Mechanic, AFC.

MACHIN, Stanley Fox. Born 24/6/1885 in Maylands, SA. Enlisted 15/11/1917 Melbourne, Victoria. 2 Air Mechanic, 2 Special Draft AFC Laverton 18/12/1917. Embarked 22/12/1917, arrived England 13/2/1918 via Egypt and Taranto. 26/6/1918 6 Training Sqdn AFC Minchinhampton. 4/11/1918 overseas to France to 3 AFC. 3/3/1919 returned to England. 14/6/1919 landed in Adelaide; 7/7/1919 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC. He died 24/7/1958 in Benalla, Victoria, aged seventy-five.

MacKAY, William Clow. Born 14/5/1891 in Port Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 6/8/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 2/12/1915 as Pte, 12th Reinforcements 10th Infantry Battalion for Egypt. 19/3/1916 transferred to 1st Pioneer Battalion. 26/3/1916 from Egypt to

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British Expeditionary Force France. 29/4/1917 transferred to AFC as mechanic and posted to England. 15/6/1917: 2 Air Mechanic to 6 Training Sqdn AFC. 31/1/1918: 1 Air Mechanic. 29/2/1919 to No. 1 Two Sqdn Station Minchinhampton. 14/6/1919 arrived Adelaide; discharged 29/9/1919 as 1 Air Mechanic, AFC.

MARRIOTT, Harold Norman. Born 16/12/1893 in Gawler South, SA. Enlisted AIF 7/1/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 31/5/1915 as Pte, 27 Infantry Battalion for Egypt and Gallipoli. 27/9/1915 L/Cpl. 10/1/1916 Egypt from Gallipoli. 2/3/1916 transferred to 7 Brigade Machine Gun Company and 14/3/1916 to the British Expeditionary Force France. 25/4/1916 Cpl. 30/9/1916 Sgt. MID 13/11/1916 by Sir Douglas Haig. 26/12/1916 transferred to Machine Gun Training Depot, Grantham, England. 25/2/1917 Second Lt, Machine Gun Company. 18/6/1917 overseas to France 7 Machine Gun Company. 23/8/1917: Lt. 31/8/1917 appointed Assistant Machine Gun Instructor, AFC England. 1/3/1918 seconded Wing Gunnery Officer from 6 Training Sqdn AFC. 26/3/1918 overseas to 3 AFC France as Armament Officer. 19/12/1918 returned to England. 28/4/1919 arrived in Adelaide; 27/6/1919 appointment terminated as Lt, 3 AFC. In WW2 he served in the RAAF as FO, 69 Sqdn.

MARSHALL, Eric Myles. Born 23/8/1888 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 26/2/1918 Adelaide. 4/3/1918 AFC Laverton, Air Mechanic. Embarked 8/5/1918 Reinforcements and Special Draft AFC. 10/7/1918 England and AFC Depot Wendover. 9/9/1918 re-mustered as Drvr Motor Transport. 27/10/1918 overseas to France to 1 Motor Transport Corps. 22/5/1919 to 3 Motor Transport Corps. 18/6/1919 returned to England. 30/8/1919 arrived in Adelaide; 16/9/1919 discharged as Motor Transport Drvr, 3 Motor Transport Corps.

MART, Frank Jelly. Born 24/4/1889 in Semaphore, SA. Enlisted 9/12/1915 Adelaide. 1/3/1916 Motor Transport Drvr, No. 5 Tunnelling Company. Embarked 25/5/1916 from Melbourne for England. 28/8/1916 overseas to France, 5 Tunnelling Company. 26/10/1916 attached 1st Canadian Tunnelling Company. 11/12/1916 hospitalised with burns to both hands and evacuated to England. 15/6/1917 attached 29 Training Sqdn AFC Shawbury. 13/9/1917

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On 9/6/1918 Lt Rod Armstrong (left) and Lt Frank Mart (right) of 3 AFC captured a Halberstadt two-seater and forced the German crew to land it intact on their own Australian aerodrome.

On 4/7/1918 Mart and Lt Dimsey shot down a Pfalz scout when they were attacked by a formation of three.

qualified as Second Lt FO observer, AFC. 13/12/1917: Lt. 5/3/1918 overseas to 3 AFC. 9/6/1918 captured a Halberstadt 2-seater aircraft intact with Lt R.C. Armstrong. 4/7/1918 shot down a Pfalz scout from a formation of three with Lt Dimsey. 30/8/1918 to hospital in England with flying sickness. 15/11/1918 discharged fit for observer duties. 25/4/1919 returned to Adelaide; 10/6/1919 appointment terminated as Lt, 3 AFC.

MARTIN, Oliver Aubrey. Born 27/10/1893 in Mintaro, SA. Enlisted 26/10/1916 Adelaide. 16/12/1916 2 Air Mechanic, 4 AFC Laverton. Embarked 17/1/1917 from Melbourne. 27/3/1917 England. 2/4/1917: 4 AFC Castle Bromwich. 16/12/1917 overseas to France with 4 AFC. 11/3/1919 returned to England. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; 22/7/1919 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, 4 AFC. In WW2 he served in the Australian Army as Staff Sgt, 5 Advanced Ordnance Depot. He died 27/6/1970 in Adelaide aged seventy-seven.

MARTIN, William Edward. Born 3/12/1888 in Mintaro, SA. Enlisted 29/5/1916 Adelaide. 27/10/1916 Pte, 4 AFC. Embarked 17/1/1917

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from Melbourne. 27/3/1917 England. 16/12/1917 overseas to France with 4 AFC. 6/5/1918 to 2 School of Military Aviation Oxford as Cadet for pilot training. 10/9/1918 to 7 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 1/4/1919 Second Lt on probation, AFC. AFC appointment terminated in England 16/1/1920 with effect from 1/3/1920 due to establishing a business in metal products with an undertaking to return to Australia within two years.

MATTHEWS, Royston Oliver Carr. Born 25/4/1890 in Blackwood, SA. Enlisted 17/8/1914 Sydney, NSW. Embarked 20/10/1914 as Sapper, 1st Signals Troop 1st Light Horse Brigade for Egypt. 9/5/1915 to Gallipoli. 8/7/1915 transferred sick to Mudros with gastroenteritis and evacuated to Malta. 4/12/1915 returned to Egypt and served with Signals throughout 1916. 1/1/1917 commissioned Second Lt, 2 AFC Wireless Officer. 3/2/1917 embarked for Marseilles and England to join 2 AFC Harlaxton. 1/4/1917: Lt EO Cl II. 17/7/1917 overseas to France 52 RFC as Wireless Officer. 19/9/1917 returned to England to AFC HQ. 13/12/1917 to School of Wireless Telephony. 15/2/1918: Lt EO Wireless. 7/4/1918 AFC 1st Wing HQ. 27/3/1919 brought to notice of Secretary of State for War for valuable services rendered. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; 18/8/1919 appointment terminated. 4/9/1919 formed the Australian Aero Club, SA; he was Honorary Secretary before the club faded out 1920.

MATULICH, Charles de Courcy. Born 6/5/1894 in Petersburg (Peterborough), SA. 25/6/1915 enlisted Adelaide. 14/1/1916 Pte, AFC. 1/3/1916 Cpl. 14/3/1916 appointed 1 AFC Laverton. Embarked 16/3/1916 as Sgt with 1 AFC for Egypt. 21/4/1916 attached 14 RFC. 25/10/1916 promoted to Second Lt and posted to 2 AFC. 24/11/1916 posted to 1 AFC. 30/11/1916 to 3 School of Military Aviation Aboukir. 1/2/1917 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot and 7/3/1917 posted to 1 AFC. 6/4/1917 with Lt F.W.F Lukis (in a BE2e aircraft) and escort A. Murray Jones (in a Martinsyde aircraft) met five enemy aircraft: Jones fought them but was driven down and bombed. Matulich returned for assistance – several Martinsydes took off and repelled the enemy raid. 1/5/1917: Lt. 14/6/1917 admitted to hospital with dysentery. 12/11/1917 embarked from Suez to return to Australia due to dysentery and debility. 18/12/1917 arrived in Adelaide and classed medically unfit for further active service for six

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months. 6/3/1918 recommendation that AIF appointment be terminated: to be given honorary rank temporarily as Lt on Reserve of Officers. MID by General Sir Edmund Allenby, GCB, GCMG, C-in-C Egyptian Expeditionary Force, for distinguished service in connection with military operations under his command. 4/1918 flew as Gnr to Capt F.H. McNamara in an FE2b at Yarram in Gippsland searching at sea for German raiders. In WW2 he served in the RAAF as Wing Cdr, 1 Recruit Centre. He died 1/5/1980 in Queensland.



*South Australian aircrew and ground staff of 3 AFC
with an RE8 of their squadron*

MATULICH, Laurence Claude. Born 1/3/1898 in Petersburg (Peterborough), SA. Enlisted 10/1/1916 Adelaide 3rd Reinforcements 13th Field Company Engineers. Embarked 2/5/1916 for Egypt. 12/7/1916 transferred to 1 AFC on probation. 2 Air Mechanic 8/8/1916. 1/1/1917: 1 Air Mechanic, 1 AFC Mustabig. 1/3/1918 Cpl. 3/4/1918 MID by General Sir Edmund Allenby, GCB, GCMG, C-in-C Egyptian Expeditionary Force, 'for distinguished and gallant services and devotion to duty'. 13/12/1918 Cpl Mechanic, 1 AFC.

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5/4/1919 returned to Adelaide; 28/5/1919 discharged as Cpl, AFC. 1929 'A' Licence with RACSA, flew in RACSA pageants. 1933 was a director in South Australian Airways Ltd. He died 5/10/1961.



Cpl Laurie Matulich of 1 AFC works on a Bristol Fighter engine in Palestine in 1918. The propellers of the Bristols were 2- or 4-bladed depending on the version of Rolls-Royce Falcon engine fitted.

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McCALLUM, Gilbert Bruce. Born 23/3/1897 in Walkers Flat, SA. Mechanical and electrical engineer. Enlisted 27/3/1918 Adelaide. 24/4/1918 AFC Laverton, 2 Air Mechanic. 16/5–18/8/1918 Air Cadet 11th Course Central Flying School Point Cook. 28/11/1918 Pte 'B' Company Mitcham. 24/12/1918 discharged due to cessation of hostilities as Air Cadet, AFC.

McCLOUGHRY, Edgar James, later Edgar James Kingston-McCloughry. Born 10/9/1896 in Hindmarsh, SA. Enlisted 16/12/1915 Second Lt, 14th Reinforcements 2 Field Company Engineers. Embarked 20/1/1916 from Sydney, 22/2/1916 arrived Suez. 18/3/1916 transferred to 15 Field Company Engineers Tel-el-Kebir. 13/6/1916: Lt. 18/6/1916 embarked from Alexandria to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 17/11/1916 was wounded in action and remained on duty. 1/12/1916 detached to Flying School England. 5/12/1916 to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading. 24/5/1917 to AFC. 13/8/1917 to 23 RFC France. 18/8/1917 wounded in action and evacuated to England. 21/11/1917 returned to duty. 10/3/1918 to SSF Gosport. 15/4/1918 temporary Capt Flt Cdr, 6 Training Sqdn AFC. 3/6/1918 Capt, Flt Cdr 4 AFC France. 31/7/1918 wounded in action, 9/8/1918 rejoined unit. 24/9/1918 wounded in action, 1/10/1918 evacuated to England. Credited with twenty-one aerial victories – the highest scoring South Australian ace of the war. 30/11/1918 discharged to duty. Awarded the DFC, DFC* and DSO, and MID. 7/10/1919 resigned appointment in England, completed his studies at Cambridge, joined the RAF in 1922 and became a staff officer. He hyphenated his name to become Kingston-McCloughry. 1934 he wrote an article concerning the Imperial Air Routes. 1937: he wrote *Winged Warfare* and later five books on air and defence strategy. 1938: Assistant Commandant RAF College at Cranwell.

In the Second World War: 1938–1940 Assistant Director of War Organisation RAF, 1942–1943 Air Officer Commanding No. 44 Group RAF, 1943–1944 Air Commodore chairman of the AEAFF Bombing Committee. 1945–1946 Air Member on the Government of India committee on defence of the North-West Frontier. 1946 Senior Staff Officer RAF India Command. 1947 Air Officer Commanding 18 Group. 1948 Senior Air Staff Officer RAF Fighter Command. 1953 as Air Vice-Marshal, CB, CBE, DSO, DFC*, he retired from the RAF

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as Chief Air Defence Officer at the Ministry of Defence. He died 15/11/1972 in Edinburgh, UK.

McCLOUGHRY, Wilfred Ashton, changed name later to McClaughry. Born 26/11/1894 in Knightsbridge, SA. Enlisted 16/1/1915 Second Lt, AIF. Embarked 12/2/1915 as Lt, 2nd Reinforcements 9th Light Horse Regt from Melbourne. 16/5/1915 to Mediterranean Expeditionary Force Gallipoli. 30/5/1915 wounded in action: 7/6/1915 to 17 General Hospital Alexandria. 25/6/1915 embarked for Gallipoli. 7/8/1915 wounded in action. 19/8/1915 embarked for England. 25/3/1916 attached RFC. 1/10/1916: Lt and transferred to AFC. 25/1/1917 brought to notice of the Secretary of State for War for 'distinguished service rendered in connection with the war'. 23/6/1917 Capt. 29/6/1917 posted to 2 AFC. 18/7/1917 the MC gazetted. 21/9/1917 overseas with 2 AFC to France. 26/10/1917 Major and CO, 4 AFC. 15/12/1917 by air to France with 4 AFC. Awarded the DFC and DSO. 29/11/1918 returned to England. 4/12/1918 to 1 Wing HQ and to 8 Training Sqdn AFC. 16/4/19 CO, No. 2 School of Navigation and Bomb Dropping. 30/9/1919 resigned from AIF appointment in England. From 1/8/1919 held permanent RAF commission. August 1919 was OC, Wireless Sqdn School of Air Piloting RAF Andover. 1922 attended the first RAF Staff College course. 1931 graduated from Imperial Defence College. July 1936 as Air Commodore, was appointed Air Officer Commanding Aden Command. 1938–1940 Director of Training at Air Ministry. 1940–1942 Air Officer Commanding No. 9 Fighter Group, Lancashire, and appointed CB and Air Vice-Marshal. 1942–1943 Air Officer Commanding Air HQ Egypt. 4/1/1943 he was killed in an aircraft accident in the Western Desert near Heliopolis. In his memory electric chimes were installed in the Congregational Church, Brougham Place, Adelaide, and his portrait by Cuthbert Orde was held by his widow.

McEVOY, Raphael James. Born 19/11/1892 in Bute, SA. Enlisted 3/4/1916 Kadina, SA. Embarked 7/11/1916 as Pte, 11 Reinforcements 32nd Infantry Battalion. 9/1/1917 England. 5/4/1917 overseas to France 32nd Battalion. 15/1/1918 sick: evacuated to hospital in England with diphtheria and for convalescence. 27/3/1918 detached to 6 Training Sqdn AFC. 14/7/1918 to No. 1

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Two Sqdn Station Minchinhampton Pte, AFC. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; 22/7/1919 discharged as Pte, AFC. In WW2 he served in the Australian Army 2/10–5/12/1939 as Pte, 4th Garrison Battalion. He died 21/3/1972 in Adelaide.

McGREGOR, Harold Waddell. Born 8/12/1898 in Adelaide, SA. Educated Prince Alfred College. Attested 13/7/1918 Adelaide. 28/8/1918 appointed AFC Laverton, 3 Air Mechanic. 22/10/1918 Flt Cadet. 24/12/1918 discharged following the Armistice. Wool broker, grazier, international businessman, benefactor of Adelaide's St Andrews Hospital and Scots Church, younger brother of Sir James Robert McGregor. He died 26/1/1978 in Adelaide.

McGUIRE, Arthur Owen. Born circa 1880 in Adelaide, SA. Coppersmith. Enlisted 29/8/1916 Melbourne. 7/9/1916 Pte, 2 AFC. 4/10/1916 2 Air Mechanic, 2 AFC Laverton. Embarked 25/10/1916 from Melbourne. 28/12/1916 England. 24/8/1917 overseas to France with 3 AFC. 1/12/1917: 1 Air Mechanic. 15/10/1918 hospitalised in England with flu while on leave from France. 31/10/1918 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC Minchinhampton. 6/5/1919 embarked for return to Australia. 6/6/1919 arrived Melbourne; 24/7/1919 discharged as 1 Air Mechanic, AFC.

McINTYRE, Ivor Ewing. Born 6/10/1899 in Herne Bay, Kent, England, went to Australia at an early age. WW1: returned to England to serve in RNAS/RAF, awarded the AFC for anti-submarine work. 1923 returned to Australia. 23/8/1923 FO in RAAF List. 2–11/2/1924 as pilot with Wing Cdr S.J. Goble (navigator) and LAC G.L. Gottschalk (engineer), flew recce Point Cook–Tasmania–Point Cook in Fairey IIID A10-2. 17/3/1924 took part in RAAF flyover of British Fleet in Fairy IIID. 6/4/1924–19/5/1924, with S.J. Goble as navigator, made the first flight round Australia in Fairy IIID A10-3. He was invested with the CBE 5/11/1924, awarded Britannia Trophy, awarded 1924 Oswald Watt Gold Medal, granted membership IAeE. 7/1925 with FO Walne in a Fairey IIID located visiting US Fleet off Gabo Island in shocking weather. 14–19/10/1925 two RAAF Fairy IIIDs (Flt Lts I.E. McIntyre, LAC G.T. Miles in A10-6 and A.E. Hempel, Johnston in A10-5) with Capt E.C. Johnston (Superintendent of Civil Aerodromes) as passenger, flew Melbourne–Hobart–Melbourne on Bass Strait

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survey. 1926 qualified as Parachute Instructor, RAAF. Volunteered to test jump Irving parachute Point Cook. 5/9/-7/12/1926 Group Capt R. Williams, Flt Lt I.E. McIntyre and Flt Sgt L.J. Trist flew DH50A A8-1 Australia-New Guinea-Solomon Islands-Australia. McIntyre was awarded Bar to AFC, also 1926 Oswald Watt Gold Medal, 11/1927. Ex-RAAF appointed Chief Flying Instructor, Australian Aero Club, SA. 11/3/1928 he crashed while giving a stunting exhibition at Parafield, SA, in Moth G-AUAP and died from severe injuries the next day 12/3/1928.

McKENRY, Henry Samuel. Born 4/9/1882 in Adelaide, SA. Fitter. Enlisted 9/2/1918 Melbourne, Victoria. 2 Air Mechanic, 2 AFC Laverton 6/3/1918. Embarked 8/5/1918 January Reinforcements AFC from Sydney. 10/7/1918 England and to AFC Depot Wendover. 17/8/1918 to RAF Armament School Uxbridge. 7/11/1918 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC. 28/3/1919 embarked for return to Australia. 21/5/1919 arrived Adelaide, 22/5/1919 Melbourne; 6/6/1919 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

McKENZIE, Robert William Roy. Born 23/6/1895 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 19/8/1914 Melbourne. 4/9/1914 appointed No. 2 Field Ambulance. Embarked 19/10/1914 for Egypt. 5/4/1915 sailed to join Mediterranean Expeditionary Force Gallipoli. 28/5/1915 sick: to hospital and evacuated to hospital in Malta. 26/9/1915 from Malta to Egypt. 21/3/1916 transferred as Gnr, 5 Divisional Artillery. 20/6/1916 sailed to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 17/8/1916 Cpl. 2/12/1916 transferred to AFC. 24/4/1917 promoted Second Lt FO pilot, AFC. 14/5/1917 to 3 AFC South Carlton. 7/6/1917 to 2 AFC Harlaxton. 24/7/1917 Lt. 21/9/1917 overseas to France with 2 AFC: awarded the MC and credited with six victories. 8/4/1918 posted to England and 8 Training Sqdn AFC Leighton as Acting Flt Cdr and instructor. 23/5/1918 temporary Capt and Flt Cdr. 13/8/1918 admitted to hospital with a broken leg sustained in an aero accident. 23/10/1918 unfit as pilot or observer for more than 6 months. 15/5/1919 returned Melbourne; 7/10/1919 appointment terminated. 1919 with E.J. Jones and S.G. Brearley formed Aeroflights Co in Victoria. 24/10-6/12/1931 McKenzie and Ludwig Nudl claimed the first purely commercial flight round Australia, seeking support for marketing of new ignition device for

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Lt Robert McKenzie scored two of his six victories in SE5A C5382 'Z' while serving in France with 2 AFC, and was awarded the MC. After the war he returned to Australia and became involved in commercial aviation.

car and aero engines. In WW2 RAAF Reserve FO. 28/4/1945 he died by drowning in Sydney Harbour. He was one of oldest active civil pilots in the Commonwealth: 1943–1945 ANA pilot.

McLACHLAN, Alexander Patterson. Born 16/11/1898 in Adelaide, SA. Attested 27/11/1917 Adelaide. Enlisted 4/2/1918 Adelaide. 5/4/1918 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Laverton. 19/11/1918 1st Battalion Depot Broadmeadows. Discharged 24/12/1918 after the Armistice.

MELLISH, John Stephen. Born circa 1894 in Broken Hill, NSW. Clerk. Enlisted 17/5/1915 Keswick. Embarked 18/11/1915 as Cpl, 32nd Infantry Battalion from Adelaide for Egypt. 17/6/1916 sailed to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 2/9/1916 attached Balliol College Oxford for training. 16/9/1916 Sgt. 28/10/1916 Second Lt and posted to 28th Infantry Battalion. 7/12/1916 overseas to France to 28th Battalion. 27/5/1917: Lt. 20/9/1917 was wounded in action: gunshot wound to the thigh. 23/10/1917 rejoined unit. 7/11/1917 MID by Sir Douglas Haig. 26/11/1917 transferred to AFC. 4/1/1918 to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading as Cadet. 27/3/1918 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 8/6/1918 graduated as Lt FO pilot, AFC. 10–26/8/1918 to 1 SSF Gosport. 21/10/1918 admitted to Tetbury Cottage Hospital after being seriously injured in an aero accident at 8 Training Sqdn AFC. 7/3/1919 returned to Australia. 20/4/1919 arrived in Adelaide; 12/6/1919 appointment terminated as Lt FO pilot, AFC. He died 14/6/1980.

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MILLER, Charles Lloyd. Born 11/11/1896 in Victor Harbor, SA. Enlisted 20/10/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 11/1/1916 as Pte, 13 Reinforcements 3 Light Horse Regt for Egypt. 21/4/1916 transferred to 4 Divisional Ammunition Column as Drvr. 6/6/1916 sailed to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 4/8/1917 transferred to AFC and to South Farnborough from France. 19/11/1917 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC. 20–26/6/1918 in hospital at Tetbury after an aero accident. 17/8/1918 to School of Technical Training Halton Camp for a course on engines. 2/9/1918 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; 6/8/1919 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

MILLER, Horace Clive 'Horrie'. Born 30/4/1893 in Ballarat, Victoria. He left school young, had a variety jobs, apprenticed at Sunshine Harvester Works for two years. He became interested in aviation and built his first model. Worked for Tarrant Motor Co where he met Hawker, Kauper (also an SA airman, refer earlier entry) and Busted. 1913 went to England, worked for Sopwith Aviation Co as a mechanic and learnt to fly. In WW1 he returned to Australia 1916 to join AFC; while waiting he built and flew his own biplane with partner Bob Cousins – the aircraft was successfully tested by Miller at Point Cook 1916. Enlisted 25/8/1916 Pte, AFC, Melbourne. 25/10/1916 embarked as Cpl, 2 AFC. 28/12/1916 England. 22/1/1917 re-mustered from motor transport to fitter. 11/3/1917 Cadet 1 School of Military Aviation Reading. 14/5/1917 Second Lt, 3 AFC South Carlton. 14/8/1917: Lt. 21/8/1917 overseas to France (to replace Shapira – killed). 10/9/1917 arrived France by air. 4/12/1917 fainted when flying due to flu and temperature of 104°. 12/12/1917 3 London General Hospital England. 31/1/1918 embarked for return to Australia on *Osterley* for discharge medically unfit (neurosis). 13/4/1918 arrived Melbourne; appointment terminated 20/6/1918 medically unfit due to flu and stress and strain. 6/8/1918 fit for general service; re-appointed 29/10/1918 and fit for active service 31/10/1918. Test pilot on Aviation Instructional Staff Central Flying School Point Cook.

1919 mechanic for Capt 'Tiger' Moore's Aerial Transport of South Australia at Glenelg, SA. Then flew DH6 barnstorming. 8/10/1920 formed Commercial Aviation Co in Victoria with A.A. Kennedy and an AW FK8. 1922–1925 operated in SA and Queensland. 1925

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joined the RAAF as FO engine repair section. 1926 resigned RAAF and barnstormed in SA with DH9. 1927 registered Commercial Aviation Co in SA. 5/1928 with the help of MacPherson Robertson formed MacRobertson-Miller Aviation Co, reserving the right to continue operating under name of Commercial Aviation Co from Parafield. Also opened a flying school Mt Gambier, SA. 1929 flew DH9 G-AUHT in Sydney–Perth Air Race and came first in Handicap. 1930 disposed of entire fleet of Commercial Aviation Co except one for general taxi work. 1931 bought Harry Butler's Bristol Monoplane. 1934 MacRobertson-Miller Aviation Co Ltd tendered and won WA North-West service over Brearley with extension to Daly Waters and overseas connection; operated as MacRobertson-Miller Airways (MMA).

In WW2 he served with the RAAF as FO until 1/7/1947. 1949–1953 took part in Air Beef Scheme in the Kimberleys. 1955 MMA amalgamated with Airlines of WA; Miller became MMA regional director at Broome. 1963 Ansett Transport Ltd took over MMA. Miller remained director until the late 1960s. 1972 retired to Perth. Awarded 1977 Oswald Watt Gold Medal. Appointed OBE 1978. He died 27/9/1980 in Dalkeith, WA.

MITCHELL, James Hugh Thomas. Born 1/4/1894 in Rosewater, SA. Junior Cadets two years, Senior Cadets one year. 77th Battalion Citizen Forces two years and commissioned. Joined 6th Course AFC Central Flying School Point Cook which ran 1/11–22/12/1916; unable to complete course and returned to 77th Battalion 28/11/1916. Enlisted 3/3/1917 Adelaide for overseas service. 16/4/1917 appointed Pte, Australian Army Medical Corps and attached 7 Australian General Hospital. 11/9/1917 embarked on HS *Karoola* from Melbourne for England. 23/1/1918 re-embarked *Karoola* Melbourne. Post-Armistice disembarked Adelaide 7/3/1919; discharged 5/4/1919 as Pte, Australian Army Medical Corps.

MITCHELL, Reginald Harvie. Born 24/3/1896 in Goodwood, SA. Enlisted 16/8/1915 Adelaide. 1 AFC Reinforcements 28/3/1916. Embarked 25/7/1916 as 2 Air Mechanic, 2nd Reinforcements 1 AFC. 20/9/1916 transferred in Egypt to 2 AFC. 1 Air Mechanic 1/1/1917. 13–30/1/1917 to England and 16/9/1917 overseas to France with 2

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Air Mechanic Reg Mitchell prepares to swing the propeller of one of two BE2 biplanes used as trainers at CFS Point Cook, prior to his embarkation in 1916 to serve with 1 AFC in Egypt and with 2 AFC in France.



Towards the end of 1916 the Australian squadrons 1 AFC and 2 AFC were together in Egypt before the latter unit was posted to the European theatre of war. Mechanic Reg Mitchell demonstrates some of the motor transport with which they were equipped.

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AFC. 18/3/1918 hospitalised and evacuated 10/4/1918 to England with a contusion to thigh. 5/9–19/10/1918 to RAF Airship Station Mullion. 29/11/1918 re-mustered as an engine fitter and posted to 6 Training Sqdn AFC Minchinhampton. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; 29/7/19 discharged as 1 Air Mechanic, AFC. In WW2 he served in the Australian Army. He died 18/12/1986 in Sydney.

MONK, Errol Francis. Born 26/2/1893 in Adelaide, SA. 12/3/1915 Sub Lt RN Reserve. 3/1916 applied for transfer to RNAS rigid airships (FAI Licensed British Balloon Pilot 084). 18/5/1916 graded as Flt Lt, RNAS. 9/1916 in command non-rigid airship SS42: damaged in heavy weather and carried Pembroke to Devon, Monk was slightly injured and hanging precariously. Early 1917 arrived in Adelaide on convalescent leave and 3/1917 returned to England. 10/1917 Navy List: Flt Lt, RNAS at Pembroke Airship Station. RAF List: 1/4/1918: Lt (Honorary Capt) appointed temporary Major. Navy List: 12/1918 Major at Pembroke Airship Station. 6/1919 awarded OBE for distinguished service rendered during the war. 1950 with Rev John Flynn (of the Australian Inland Mission) selected 'Warawee' site for Far North Children's Health Scheme at Grange (Tennyson), SA. He died 22/7/1987 in Rose Park, SA, aged ninety-four.

MOORE, Jack Ralston. Born 4/4/1895 in North Adelaide, SA. Four years in Senior Cadets. Three years in 12 Battalion Field Company Engineers. 3/12/1915 enlisted 'B' Company 2nd Depot Battalion AIF Adelaide. Embarked 31/5/1916 as Cpl, 11th Field Company Engineers on A29 *Suevic* from Adelaide to England. 16/11/1916 posted to RFC Denham. 26/1/1917 to Exeter College Oxford. 16/3/1917 discharged AIF as commissioned Second Lt RFC. Trained as pilot at Central Flying School RFC Hendon and 64 Service Sqdn RFC Sedgeford. Served in France with 54 RFC. Post-Armistice returned to Adelaide and in 1919 formed the Aerial Transport Co of South Australia: operated briefly during 1920, then left aviation. In WW2 he enlisted in the Australian Army 16/7/1940 until discharged 10/5/1946 as Capt, Recruit Staffs, Adelaide.

MOORE, Kenneth George Carty. Born 15/3/1899 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 21/6/1918 Melbourne. 29/8/1918 appointed 3 Air Mechanic, AFC Laverton. 22/10/1918 Flt Cadet. 24/12/1918

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discharged from 1 Home Training Depot AFC Laverton after cessation of hostilities. In WW2 he served as PO in the RAAF 1942.

MORCOM, Harold Leslie. Born 13/9/1893 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 8/7/1916 Adelaide. Embarked 28/8/1916 as Pte, 5th Reinforcements 48th Infantry Battalion. 11/10/1916 England. 4/2/1917 overseas to France with 48 Battalion. 28/11/1917 transferred Pte, AFC England. 8/2/1918 to 2 School of Military Aviation Queens College Oxford. 26/3/1918 to 7 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 21/5/1918 graduated Second Lt FO pilot, AFC. 21/5/1918 was pilot of an RE8 that caught fire, stalled and crashed while landing: severe burns and injuries, concussion, unconscious for one-and-a-half days, multiple fingers amputated mainly on his left hand. Permanently unfit for pilot or observer. 1/2/1919 returned to Melbourne; appointment terminated Adelaide 20/4/1919 as Second Lt, AFC.

MOREY, Geoffrey Wilson. Born 15/8/1899 in Adelaide, SA. 1909–1914 educated St Peter's College, Adelaide and Radley College, England. 20/8/1916 enlisted RN Seaman. 11/1916 Midshipman. 12/1916 training Crystal Palace and Whale Island, commissioned to destroyer. After 12/1917 transferred to RNAS: Flt Sub Lt, flying training at Manston, qualified as pilot at Cranwell. 8/1/1918 at Seaplane Station, Lee-on-Solent. Posted to No. 6 Wing Otranto Italy, Malta, then Egypt: anti-submarine patrols then instructing at Aboukir. Post-war returned to Adelaide. 1921 Easter Saturday he was a passenger in a DH6 flown by Lt F.B. Willmott for the first landing on Granite Island at Victor Harbor, SA. 1926 graduated as an ENT doctor in Adelaide: he practised in Vienna and England. He lived in England, and died in 1975 in Lincoln, Lincolnshire, UK.

His brother Alan Wilson Morey, born 1/3/1894 in Newcastle, NSW, was a pilot with No. 60 RFC and was KIA 24/1/1918 in a collision with German aircraft during combat in France.

MORGAN, Frederick William. Born 5/4/1894 in Broken Hill, NSW. Assistant assayer. Enlisted 26/9/1914 Helena Vale, WA, and appointed 'C' Company Blackboy Hill. Embarked 22/12/1914 as Pte, 16th Infantry Battalion from Melbourne for Egypt. 12/4/1915 to Mediterranean Expeditionary Force for Gallipoli. 31/7/1915 evacuated to hospital Egypt with an enteric condition. Returned

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to Gallipoli October then back to Egypt 30/12/1915 after the evacuation. 1/6/1916 sailed to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 25/7/1916 Second Lt, transferred to 15th Battalion. 9/8/1917 wounded in action, but remained on duty. 14/8/1917: Lt. 6/9/1917 transferred to 16th Battalion. 26/9/1917 wounded in action: severe gunshot wound right leg and arm. 1/10/1917 evacuated to hospital England. 1/8/1918 rejoined unit in France. 10/10/1918 transferred to England for instruction as AFC observer. 2/11/1918 seconded to AFC and 1 School of Military Aviation Reading for training as FO pilot. Dual control flying after the Armistice. 28/8/1919 returned to Australia; 18/5/1920 appointment terminated 5 Military District, Lt, 16th Battalion AIF. In WW2 he served in the Australian Army 23/9/1940 until discharge 30/10/1944 as Capt, Citizen Military Forces 5th Australian Garrison Battalion. He died 30/10/1974 aged eighty.

MORPHETT, John James. Born 15/10/1896 in Port Wakefield, SA. Enlisted 12/7/1915 Melbourne. 24/1/1916 Pte, 1 AFC Laverton. 1/3/1916: 2nd Cpl. 16/3/1916 embarked for Suez: served in Egypt and Palestine with 1 AFC until after the Armistice. 17/3/1918 re-mustered from batman to clerk, 13/12/1918 re-mustered to clerk 1st Cl (2nd Cpl). 14/4/1919 returned to Melbourne; discharged 1/6/1919 as 2nd Cpl, AFC. In WW2 he served in the RAAF as Squadron Leader.

MUSGRAVE, Herbert. Born 11/5/1876 in Adelaide, SA (son of Sir Anthony Musgrave, Governor of SA, 1875, after whose death in 1888 the family moved to England). Educated Harrow. Enlisted British Army 26/3/1896. Joined the Royal Engineers from Royal Military Academy as Second Lt, 1/3/1898. Lt 3/1899. Served through the Boer War, twice MID (18/2/1901, 10/9/1901), awarded the Queen's Medal with 2 clasps. 3/6/1901–20/9/1904 with South African Constabulary. 1/3/1905 promoted Capt, attended Staff College, 4/1908–4/1912 DAA and QMG Malta. 1909 he saw arrival of Blériot after first Channel flight. Suggested formation of a military aviation service but his ideas were rejected. 10/1912 learnt to fly, Royal Aero Club (Certificate 357) 12/11/1912 Bristol Biplane. 3/1913 gazetted Sqdn Cdr RFC. Posted Farnborough as officer in charge: conducted experiments ballooning, kiting, photography, meteorology, bomb dropping. Deputy Assistant to Director of

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Military Aeronautics at Netheravon 2/6–4/7/1914 for RFC training programme. WW1: Major 10/1914, to France with RFC HQ Staff, became CO of HQ Wireless Telegraphy Unit (No. 9 (Wireless) Sqdn). 3/1915 returned to staff of the Army at own request. 1/1/1916 MID for fourth time. 10/8/1916 severely wounded and evacuated to England. Returned to France 12/1917 and was KIA 2/6/1918 while accompanying a patrol inside German lines. He was awarded the DSO during the war.

MYTTON, Reginald Henry. Born 3/1/1894 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 10/9/1917 Melbourne. Embarked 30/10/1917 as 2 Air Mechanic, 14th August Reinforcements AFC. 27/12/1917 England and AFC Depot Wendover. 4/3/1918 to Motor Transport Station 7 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 17/7/1918 to No. 2 Two Sqdn Station Leighterton. 8/11/1918 re-mustered as Drvr. 21/11/1918 overseas to France to Australian General Base Depot, Drvr, 6 AMTC. 24/2/1919 hospitalised in France with influenza and evacuated to England 6/3/1919. Discharged from hospital 9/4/1919. 9/1/1920 returned to Melbourne; discharged 8/2/1920 as Drvr, MTC. He died 1955.

NASH, William Stuart. Born 11/10/1891 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 24/8/1914 Adelaide. Embarked 22/9/1914 as Sapper, 3rd Field Company Engineers. 5/4/1915 to Mediterranean Expeditionary Force Gallipoli. 30/8/1915 evacuated to hospital at Heliopolis with debility. 1/1/1916 rejoined unit. 24/2/1917 L/Cpl. 27/3/1916 went from Egypt to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 30/4/1917 transferred to AFC England. 15/6/1917 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC. 1/10/1917: 1 Air Mechanic. 1/2/1918 Cpl. 17/5/1918 re-mustered as Cpl Mechanic. 9/11/1918 granted seventy-five days' Anzac Leave in England. 10/8/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged 10/10/1919 as Cpl, AFC.

NEEDHAM, George Francis Jack. Born 14/5/1889 in Burra, SA. Enlisted 27/1/1916 Adelaide. Embarked 20/10/1916 as Gnr, 6th Reinforcements 14th Field Artillery Brigade. 9/1/1917 arrived England. 30/9/1917 to AFC. 5/10/1917 to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading as 2 Air Mechanic. 22/1/1918 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC Shawbury. 25/3/1918 to 7 Training Sqdn AFC. 23/4/1918 he

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was killed in a flying accident when excessive strain in forcing the machine out of a spin caused the right upper rear main spar to break in the air. He is named on the AFC Honour Roll of the SA National War Memorial, North Terrace, Adelaide.

NEILSON, William Edward Bruce. Born 25/9/1896 in Broken Hill, NSW. Electrical engineer. Enlisted 30/5/1916 Melbourne. 19/6/1916 Australian Army Medical Corps Royal Park. 31/8/1916 AFC Laverton. Embarked 25/10/1916 as 2 Air Mechanic, 2 AFC from Melbourne. 28/12/1916 England and 9/1/1917 to Scottish Fitters School. 1/2/1917 promoted to Cpl. 7/2/1917 rejoined unit now 3 AFC. 1/8/1917 promoted to Sgt and 5/8/1917 to School of Aerial Gunnery Hythe. 24/8/1917 overseas to France with 3 AFC. 27/11/1917 promoted to Second Lt observer. 23/1/1918 to 31 Heavy Artillery Group four-day liaison course. 27/2/1918: Lt. 10/6/1918 selected for training as FO pilot. 16/6/1918 to Home Establishment England. 5/7/1918 to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading. 5/10/1918 to AFC Depot Wendover from RAF Armament School Uxbridge. 11/10/1918 sick for two weeks. 26/10/1918 No. 1 Wing Tetbury, fit for general service flying. 23/2/1919 Royal Aero Club Certificate on Avro at Leighton. 23/9/1919 returned to Australia. 6/11/1919 arrived in Melbourne; 24/12/1919 appointment terminated as Lt, AFC. In WW2 he served in the RAAF; discharged 28/8/1946 as FO, 43 Sqdn.

NEWLAND, Donald James. Born 7/11/1899 in Terowie, SA. Enlisted AIF 10/4/1918 Adelaide. 11/7/1918 transferred to AFC Laverton as 2 Air Mechanic. 24/12/1918 discharged after cessation of hostilities.

NICHOLLS, William Hurtle. Born 7/8/1895 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 14/6/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 18/11/1915 as Pte, 12th Reinforcements 9th Light Horse Regt. 7/12/1916 attached to 2 AFC trade test Egypt. 15/12/1916 to 2 AFC and 13/1/1917 embarked with 2 AFC to England. 19/2/1917 Acting Cpl. 27/3/1917 Acting Sgt. 1/5/1917 Sgt. 2/11/1917 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot. 20/2/1918 posted overseas to 4 AFC France. 16/3/1918 was shot down and made a POW. 15/8/1918: Lt. Repatriated 14/12/1918 to England. 6/6/1919 arrived in Adelaide; appointment terminated 29/7/1919. Post-war he farmed in WA. In WW2 he served in the

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Australian Army as Lance Sgt, 10th Battalion Volunteer Defence Corps, WA. He died 11/10/1968 in WA.

NICHOLSON, Arthur Osborne. Born 13/7/1882 in Gawler, SA. Enlisted 2/3/1916 Melbourne. Embarked 11/5/1917 as Motor Transport Drvr, Motor Transport Reinforcements. 20/7/1917 arrived in England. 4/12/1917 transferred to AFC. 4/3/1918 to Motor Transport Station Leighterton. 17/5/1918 re-mustered as Acting Cpl Mechanic, 6 Training Sqdn AFC. 2 Air Mechanic (Acting Cpl Station Motor Transport) 1/6/1918. 18/7/1918 to No. 2 Two Sqdn Station Leighterton from 7 Training Sqdn AFC. 21/10/1920 returned to Melbourne; discharged 14/12/1920 as Acting Cpl, AFC.

NORMAN, Alfred. Born 1891 in Cookes Plains, SA. Farmer. Enlisted 18/1/1916 Adelaide. Embarked 23/6/1916 as Pte, 3rd Light Horse Regt 18th Reinforcements from Adelaide for Egypt. 10/8/1916 to No. 1 Light Horse Training Regt. 29/12/1916 to 3 Light Horse Regt. 11/9/1917 to Aboukir RFC School of Aerial Gunnery and 3 School of Military Aviation as batman. 25/10/1917 attached 1 AFC. 19/3/1918 transferred to 1 AFC as 2 Air Mechanic batman and re-mustered as Pte 2nd Cl. 5/3/1919 embarked for return to Australia. 13/4/1919 arrived in Adelaide; 21/5/1919 discharged as Pte, AFC, 4 Military District.

OCKENDEN, Charles Levi. Born 3/11/1886 in Kooringa, SA. Enlisted 2/6/1917 Streaky Bay. 17/10/1917 AFC, 2 Air Mechanic Laverton. Embarked 26/11/1917 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Special Draft. 15/2/1918 England and AFC Depot. 25/6/1918 to 7 Training Sqdn AFC. 18/7/1918 to No. 2 Two Sqdn Station. 10/1919 returned to Adelaide; 21/1/1920 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC. He died 26/4/1993 in Grange, SA, aged ninety-six.

PACKER, Albert George. Born 9/7/1896 in Prospect, SA. Enlisted 17/9/1914 Morphettville, SA. 18/9/1914 appointed Divisional Supply Column Motor Transport Albert Park V. Embarked 22/12/1914 as Pte, 300 Motor Transport Australian Army Service Corps 17 Divisional Supply Column (9 Australian Army Service Corps) from Melbourne for England. 9/7/1915 overseas to France. 25/2/1916 promoted to Drvr Mechanic, 17 Divisional Supply Column; transferred to Australian Army Service Corps Motor

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Transport. 26/2/1916 hospitalised after accident and evacuated to hospital in England with a fractured wrist. 17/4/1916 discharged from hospital. 16/9/1916 to Australian Motor Transport Services UK. 5/10/1917 transferred to AFC and to AFC Details Wendover as 2 Air Mechanic and to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading. 26/2/1918 ex 2 School of Military Aviation Oxford. 5/5/1918 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 30/6/1918 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot, AFC. 19/8/1918 to RAF Bircham Newton. 31/8/1918 overseas to 4 AFC France, returned to Home Establishment and again on 2/10/1918 posted to 4 AFC until post-Armistice. 9/12/1918 returned to England and on 20/12/1918 embarked for Australia on 1914 Anzac Leave. 30/1/1919 landed in Melbourne then Adelaide; appointment terminated 14/4/1919. He sold cars around South Australia and formed an agency for Federal trucks and Nash cars on Eyre Peninsula. 1928 formed Eyre Peninsula Airways to service a one-day return route Parafield–Walleroo–Cowell–Port Lincoln–Elliston–Streaky Bay. The company closed in 1931. He went back to selling cars and trucks, and farming. In WW2 he served in the Australian Army from 7/8/1940 until discharge 15/3/1945 as Lt, 4 Garrison Battalion. He died in Adelaide 20/8/1991 at the age of ninety-five.

PACKER, Alfred Percival. Born 21/10/1885 Elliston, SA. Enlisted 28/1/1916 Adelaide. Embarked 24/8/1916 as Pte, 21st Reinforcements 3rd Light Horse Regt. 21/9/1916 Suez. 2/1/1917 attached to 2 AFC, trade test. 13/1–30/1/1917 *Kingstonian* to England as 2 Air Mechanic, 2 AFC. 1/5/1917: 1 Air Mechanic. 21/9/1917 overseas to France with 2 AFC. 1/11/1917 Cpl. 17/5/1918 Cpl Mechanic. 3/3/1919 returned to England. 14/6/1919 arrived Adelaide; discharged 22/7/1919 as Cpl Mechanic, AFC. He died 31/7/1929 in Sydney, NSW.

PAPE, Alfred Ernest. Born 28/2/1897 in Norwood, SA. Enlisted Adelaide 12/5/1915. Embarked 31/5/1915 as Pte, 27th Infantry Battalion. 25/4/1915 Gallipoli. 5/11/1915 evacuated to Malta with jaundice. 11/2/1916 discharged from hospital in Malta and embarked on *Bornu* for Egypt. 6/3/1916 rejoined unit. 16/3/1916 from Egypt to the British Expeditionary Force France. 5/8/1916 temporary Cpl. 6/8/1916 temporary Sgt. 30/8/1916 transferred to

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2nd Divisional Gas School. 30/11/1916 promoted to Sgt. 12/10/1918 to England for pilot training. 2/11/1918 to 2 School of Military Aviation Oxford. 2/1/1919 Cadet to 8 Training Sqdn AFC. 10/1/1919 to 7 Training Sqdn AFC. 1/4/1919 Second Lt, on probation AFC. 3/5/1919 embarked to return to Adelaide; termination of appointment 17/8/1919.

PATERSON, Alec Stewart. Born 22/6/1885 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 3/9/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 22/11/1915 as Gnr, 18th Battery 6th Field Artillery Brigade from Melbourne. 21/12/1915 Suez. 17/3/1916 embarked to join the British Expeditionary Force France. Named in congratulatory message to men engaged in Pozières fighting, awarded the MM for gallantry in action 7/8/1916 at Pozières. 21/4/1917 to AFC England. 26/7/1917 Second Lt observer, AFC. 26/10/1917: Lt. 5/3/1918 overseas to France to 3 AFC. 22/4/1918 with Capt J.R. Duigan first detected a big German railway gun which was later captured and eventually sent to Australia. 9/5/1918 Paterson and Duigan were wounded in action in a fight with four triplanes: shot one down and landed safely, but Paterson was severely wounded in the head, arm, shoulder and foot. 19/5/1918 evacuated to hospital in England. 15/11/1918 convalescent. 13/2/1919 returned to Adelaide; 15/3/1920 appointment terminated.

PATERSON, Roy McGregor. Born 5/4/1886 in Clare, SA. Enlisted 2/9/1916 Adelaide. 2 Air Mechanic, 2 AFC Laverton 17/10/1916. Embarked 25/10/1916. 28/12/1916 England. 19/8/1917 overseas to France with 3 AFC. 26/9/1917 posted to Home Establishment England. 25/10/1917 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC Tern Hill. 1/1/1918: 1 Air Mechanic. 31/1/1918 Clerk (Stores) from Motor Transport Drvr. 1/5/1918 Cpl. 17/5/1918 Cpl Clerk. 11–12/1918 in hospital England with influenza and malaria. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged 22/7/1919 as Cpl Clerk, AFC. He died 1972.

PATTERSON, Douglas Barnabas. Born 4/9/1893 in Petersburg (Peterborough), SA. Enlisted 11/3/1916 Adelaide. Embarked 6/6/1916 as Pte, 3rd Pioneer Battalion. 26/7/1916 England. 24/11/1916 overseas to France. 5/8/1917 transferred to AFC. 27/10/1917 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC as 2 Air Mechanic. 1/3/1918:

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1 Air Mechanic. 1/7/1918 Acting Cpl Mechanic. 1/9/1918 Cpl Mechanic. 28/12/1918 overseas to France to 4 AFC. 11/3/1919 to England from France. 4/9/1919 returned to Adelaide; 19/10/1919 discharged as Cpl Mechanic, AFC. 13/5/1920 temporary enlistment AAC Central Flying School Laverton as Sgt. Discharged 23/9/1920. He was accidentally killed 3/2/1942 in Coburg, Victoria.

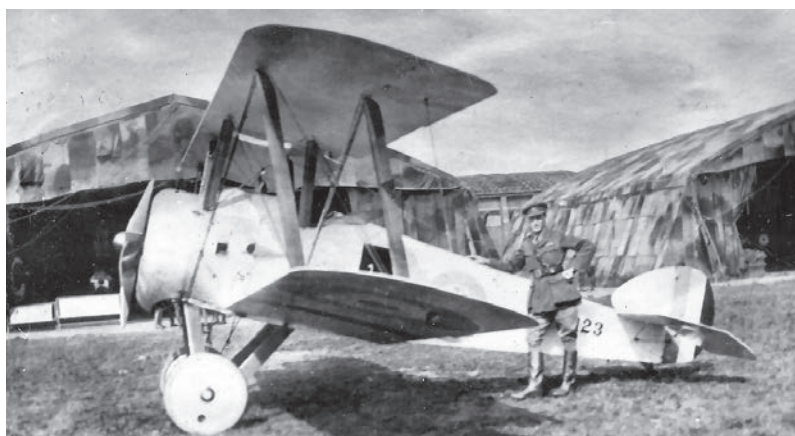
PEARCE, George Foster. Rt Hon Sir George Pearce KCVO (1927). Born 14/1/1870 in Mt Barker, SA. Educated in public school Redhill, SA. 1891 moved to Perth. 1901–1938 Senator, WA (twenty-five years as a minister), then important advisory positions until 1947. 1908–1909, 1910–1913, 1914–1921, 1932–1934 Minister for Defence. 1909 approved requirements for a military aircraft competition. 1911 attended Imperial Conference, returned to Australia and secured support for the creation of the Central Flying School. He played a big part in the formation of the AFC and the RAAF, also civil aviation. Also involved with the 1919 England–Australia Air Race. 8/1919 signatory of Peace Treaty as an Australian representative. 1921 Privy Councillor. 1921–1926 Minister for Home and Territories. 1924 Officer of the French Légion d'Honneur. 1934–1937 Minister in Charge of Territories. 12/1939 Chairman Defence Board of Business Administration, Dept of Defence Co-ordination. 1/1939–1/1944 Member Commonwealth Grants Commission. He died 24/6/1952 in Melbourne. His autobiography *Carpenter to Cabinet* was published 1951.

PETERS, George Clifton. Born 6/5/1894 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 16/12/1915 Claremont, Tasmania. Embarked 20/1/1916 as Sapper, 8th Field Company Engineers 3rd Reinforcements from Sydney for Egypt. 18/3/1916 to 12th Field Company Engineers. 4/6/1916 sailed to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 12/9/1916 L/Cpl. Selected to train in England for AFC commission; 5/12/1916 to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading. 30/5/1917 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot. 30/8/1917: Lt. 21/11/1917 overseas to Egypt. 30/12/1917 to 1 AFC. 25/8/1918 awarded the DFC. Order of Nadha awarded by the King of Hejaz. 9/11/1918 temporary Capt and Flt Cdr. Seven victories. 5/4/1919 returned to Adelaide; 28/5/19 appointment terminated. Reserve of Officers 1/10/1920–30/4/1928. 1928–37 Deputy Assistant Director of Transport (Motor

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Transport). 1937–1939 Staff Officer, 6th District Base. In WW2 he was called up full-time 4/9/1939. 1939–1941 Deputy Assistant to Adjutant General, 6th Military District. 1941–1942 HQ, 7th Military District. 14/10/1941 seconded to AIF. 1942–1943: 3rd Military District. 16/8/1945–12/4/1946 HQ Line of Communications Area Victoria; discharged as Lt Col. He died 29/9/1959 in Melbourne.

PFEIFFER, Reginald William. Born 17/8/1892 in Mt Pleasant, SA. Enlisted 28/4/1916 Adelaide. 1/7/1917 appointed Pte, 14th Australian General Hospital Reinforcements. Embarked 31/8/1917 from Sydney. 5/10/1917 Suez. 11/10/1917 to 14th Australian General Hospital Moascar. 6–8/4/1918 and 4/5/1918 detached to 1 AFC. 24/5/1918 embarked for AFC Cadetship England. 5/7/1918: 2 School of Military Aviation Oxford to train as FO. 17/8/1918 to RAF Armament School Uxbridge. 26/9/1918 to 7 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 30/11/1918 appointment terminated and posted as Pte 19/12/1918 to Admin HQ. 28/2/1919 Acting Cpl. 13/5/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged 5/6/1919 as Acting Cpl Admin, HQ AIF. He died 14/8/1931 in Adelaide.



Elliott 'Tab' Pflaum flew Sopwith Camels on active service in France with 4 AFC, after which he returned to England to pass on his experience as an instructor at 8 TS AFC at Leighterton. When engaged in practice air fighting, the instructors usually painted their machines in distinctive colours for easy recognition; Tab's choice was an all-white Sopwith Camel, as seen here (the officer leaning on the fuselage is not Tab).

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PFLAUM, Elliott Frederick. Born 5/1/1892 in Blumberg (Birdwood), SA. Enlisted 24/8/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 18/11/1915 as Pte, 12th Reinforcements 9th Light Horse Regt. 28/12/1915 Egypt. 14/12/1916 posted to 2 AFC as 2 Air Mechanic. 13/1/1917 embarked with 2 AFC to England. 6/7/1917 to Officer Training Corps Oxford. 18/10/1917 qualified as Second Lt FO pilot, AFC. 15/12/1917 overseas to France with 4 AFC. 18/1/1918: Lt. Seventy hours Sopwith Camel overseas. 28/3/1918 to Home Establishment England. 11/4/1918 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton as instructor. 15/7/1918 temporary Capt, temporary Flt Cdr. 12/12/1918 overseas to France to 4 AFC. 11/3/1919 returned to England. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; 6/8/1919 appointment terminated. He died 18/8/1976 in Adelaide.

PIKE, William Stanley. Born 19/4/1890 in Murray Bridge, SA. Enlisted 26/8/1914 Adelaide. Embarked 20/10/1914 as Pte, 10th Infantry Battalion from Adelaide. He served at Gallipoli and was wounded in action with a shrapnel wound to the foot 6/1915. Evacuated with enteric fever to Malta and England; 31/8/1915 admitted to hospital. 17/10/1916 returned to Australia for duty in Commonwealth Small Arms Factory. Re-enlisted Melbourne 21/2/1918 and embarked 9/5/1918 as 2 Air Mechanic, January Reinforcements AFC. Arrived England 10/7/1918 and to AFC Depot Halefield Camp. 17/8/1918 to RAF Armament School Uxbridge for instruction. 7/11/1918 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC. 6/2/1920 returned to Melbourne; discharged 13/3/1920 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

POHLNER, Frederick William Godfrey. Born 5/8/1883 in Hallett, SA. Enlisted 28/10/1915 Adelaide 3rd Light Horse Regt. Embarked 10/2/1916 as Pte, 14th Reinforcements 9th Light Horse Regt. 9/3/1916 Heliopolis. 1/4/1916 transferred to 5th Divisional Artillery 55th Battery. 20/6/1916 to the British Expeditionary Force France. 14/7/1916 Trench Mortar Battery. 5/7/1916: V5A Heavy Trench Mortar Battery. 27/11/1916: 5th Divisional HQ. 25/4/1917 to 5 Divisional Artillery HQ as Trench Mortar Orderly. 1/5/1917 to England to transfer to AFC. 8/6/1917 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC Shawbury as 2 Air Mechanic. 25/3/1919 to No. 1 Two Sqdn Station Minchinhampton. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide and discharged 6/8/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

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'Jerry' Pentland (left) in the cockpit of a Maurice Farman Shorthorn trainer during one of his spells in England. He had no ties with SA or the AFC, but was widely known as being representative of the larrikin type of Australian who served with distinction in the RFC, scoring twenty-three victories to earn an MC and DFC in the Great War, and later an AFC for active service with the RAAF in the Second World War.

POPE, Hector William. Born circa 1893 in Unley, SA. Enlisted 21/9/1914 Adelaide. Embarked 22/12/1914 as Drvr Mechanic, 300 Motor Transport Australian Army Service Corps 17th Divisional Supply Column for England. 9/7/1915 embarked for France 17th Divisional Supply Column. 3/10/1916 Cpl, 1st Divisional Supply Column. 3/6/1917 Sgt. 12/3/1918 Australian Corps MTC. 18/7/1918 to England for pilot training. 31/10/1918 to 7 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 1/4/1919 Second Lt, on probation AFC. 15/5/1919 embarked for return to Australia. Disembarked Sydney; appointment terminated 30/8/1919. He died 22/5/1959 in SA.

PORTER, Gavin Alexander. 23/6/1891 born in Parkside, SA; to Kalgoorlie WA. Educated Guildford Grammar School, WA. 1905 to England. 1907 returned to Australia. 1910 to England, pre-war RFA officer. With 68th Battery RFA took part in Retreat from Mons. To RFC and served as observer then pilot. 29/4/1915 Royal Aero Club

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1907 on Maurice Farman Biplane at Farman Aerodrome Etampes and completed his training in England. Capt and Flt Cdr, 13 RFC France. He was KIA in aerial combat 5/12/1915 with observer 1 Air Mechanic, H.J. Kirkbride.

POTTER, Ralph. Born 23/6/1897 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted AIF 13/11/1917 Adelaide. 7/12/1917 appointed Motor Transport Section Mitcham. 6/6/1918 appointed 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Laverton. 24/12/1918 discharged after cessation of hostilities.

PRICE, John William. Born 1882 in Port Adelaide, SA. Blacksmith. Enlisted 15/12/1914 Oaklands, SA. Embarked 1/4/1915 as Pte, 4th Reinforcements 3 Light Horse Regt on A17 *Port Lincoln* from Adelaide for Egypt and 3 Light Horse Regt. 24–27/7/1917 attached 1 AFC for trade test. 8/8/1917 transferred to 1 AFC as 2 Air Mechanic. 23/12/1918–20/1/1918 hospitalised with burns received while extinguishing flames on 1 Air Mechanic Gent 11/12/1917 (Gent subsequently died). 26/3/1918 Farrier Quartermaster Sgt at School of Farriery. 5/2/1919 embarked for return to Australia. 5/3/1919 arrived Adelaide; 9/5/1919 discharged as Farrier Quartermaster Sgt, AFC. He died 29/9/1932.

PRICE, Joseph Sydney Payne. Born 22/3/1893 in South Broken Hill, NSW. Machinist. Enlisted 8/3/1915 Keswick, SA. Embarked 31/5/1915 as Pte, 1st Reinforcements 27th Infantry Battalion from Adelaide for Egypt. 26/11/1915–12/1/1916 in hospital Cairo. Rejoined his battalion 6/3/1916 at Ismailia. 7/4/1916 overseas to France and transferred to Australian Army Pay Corps. 15/6/1916 to duty 6th Brigade. 21/10/1916 transferred to Australian Army Pay Corps from 27 Battalion. 21/11/1916 detached temporary duty Australian Army Pay Corps England. 27/5/1917: 3 Air Mechanic to 3 AFC South Carlton. 24/8/1917 overseas to France with 3 AFC. Re-mustered as Pte. 18/10/1918: 2 Air Mechanic, 3 AFC leave to England and to hospital with influenza while on leave. 15/11/1918 returned overseas to France. 7/1/1919 to England from France. 25/3/1919 embarked for return to Australia. 6/5/1919 arrived Adelaide; 18/8/1919 discharged as Pte, 3 AFC. In WW2 he served in the Australian Army Pay Corps 20/8/1941–1/9/1944. He died 8/12/1961.

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PRIDEAUX, Walter Tom. Born 1880 in Adelaide, SA. Engineer. Enlisted 24/12/1915 Blackboy Hill, WA. 14/3/1916: AFC Laverton. Embarked 16/3/1916 as Cpl, 1 AFC from Melbourne: left *Orsova* at Fremantle and arrived Suez 20/4/1916 by *Malwa*. 20/6/1916 reverted to 1 Air Mechanic at own request. 25/9/1916 Cpl. 12/4/1917 wounded in action with bomb injuries to leg and back: hospitalised 14 Australian General Hospital. 27/6/1917 rejoined unit. 5/7/1917 to hospital with previous wound to back and debility. 12/11/1917 embarked for return to Australia for discharge due to spinal caries. 17/12/1917 arrived Melbourne, then overland to Perth; discharged 15/5/1918 as Cpl, AFC. He died 6/5/1949.

Archie Rackett served at Gallipoli, Egypt and France before transferring to the AFC in 1917 to graduate as a pilot. Posted to 2 AFC in France in February 1918, he claimed a couple of victories before he was forced down and taken prisoner in June.



RACKETT, Archie Roy. Born 18/2/1896 in Port Adelaide, SA. Attested 30/4/1915. Enlisted AIF 14/5/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 31/5/1915 as Pte, 27th Infantry Battalion. Suez 3/7/1915 as Sapper 2nd Dvn Signals Company 2nd Australian Dvn. Embarked 19/9/1915 for Gallipoli. Evacuated 19/12/1915. 9/3/1916 transferred to 4th Dvn Signals Company. 2/6/1916 sailed from Egypt to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 2/11/1916: L/Cpl. 13/2/1917 hospitalised with appendicitis and evacuated to hospital England. 3/8/1917 transferred to AFC 12/9/1917 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC Shawbury. 11/11/1917 graduated Second Lt FO pilot, AFC. 6/2/1918

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overseas to France to 2 AFC. 11/2/1918: Lt. 1/6/1918 MIA, POW. 30/12/1918 repatriated to England. 10/4/1919 returned to Adelaide; 12/6/1919 appointment terminated. In WW2 he served in the RAAF: posted as personal assistant to Air Officer Commanding 1st TAF RAAF (Air Commodore Cobby). He died 9/10/1953 in Adelaide.

RANDELL, Cosma Lake. Born 24/10/1892 in Gumeracha, SA. Attested 23/8/1915 Adelaide. Enlisted 7/9/1915 Adelaide 14th Reinforcements 3 Field Company Engineers. 16/2/1916 2nd Depot Battalion. 7–9/3/1916 transferred to 43 Infantry Battalion AIF. 9/3/1916 Cpl. 30/4/1916 discharged at own request: went to England and joined the RFC; 23/8/1916 Royal Aero Club Certificate 3415. Sgt pilot, 22 RFC France. He was KIA 23/8/1917.

RANDELL, Wentworth Beavis. Born 14/9/1891 in Mt Pleasant, SA. Enlisted 19/8/1914 Adelaide. Embarked 20/10/1914 as Drvr, Divisional Ammunition Column. 30/4/1915 to Mediterranean Expeditionary Force Gallipoli. 9/2/1916 transferred to Dvn Artillery HQ Egypt. 22/3/1916 to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 30/4/1917 transferred to AFC England. Cadet 16/6/1917 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC. 13/10/1917 Second Lt FO pilot. 13/1/1918: Lt. 22/1/1918 overseas to France to 4 AFC. 24/2/1918 MIA, POW. Repatriated to England 14/12/1918. 23/5/1919 returned to Adelaide; 20/7/1919 appointment terminated. He died 1969 in Adelaide.

RANSOM, Claude Burt. Born 8/12/1898 in Norwood, SA. Enlisted 8/12/1916 Adelaide. 22/1/1917 Flying School Laverton. Embarked 11/5/1917 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC February 1917 Reinforcements. 19/7/1917 arrived England and to AFC Training Depot. 19/11/1917 to School of Gunnery Hythe, Acting Sgt. 26/12/1917 reverted to 2 Air Mechanic. 9/3/1918 to School of Technical Training Reading, Acting Cpl. 1/7/1918 to Aircraft Repair Section 1st Wing AFC Leighterton reverted to 2 Air Mechanic. 10/11/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged 1/1/1920 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC. In WW2 he served in the RAAF; discharged 1/1/1943 as Sqdn Leader, 1 Embarkation Depot. He died 29/6/1970 in Heidelberg, Victoria.

RANSOM, Kenneth Arnold. Born 11/3/1893 in Kent Town, SA. Enlisted 27/9/1915 Adelaide. 1/11/1915 Pte, 9th Reinforcements

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27th Infantry Battalion Morphetville. Embarked 7/2/1916 from Adelaide. 14/3/1916 transferred to Cyclist Corps 3rd Anzac Dvn Canal Zone Egypt. 19/3/1916 sailed to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 24/8/1916 transferred to 27th Battalion. 8/9/1917 sick in hospital. 21/10/1917 evacuated on HS *St Andrew* to hospital England with a hernia. 19/12/1917 transferred to AFC Details. 24/2/1918 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged 6/8/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC. He died 1960.

READ, Frederick Reginald. Born 24/4/1894 in Yunta, SA. Enlisted 19/7/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 20/1/1916 as Sapper, 14th Reinforcements 3rd Field Company Engineers. 27/2/1916 Egypt. 18/3/1916 transferred to 15th Field Company Engineers. 2/5/1916 sick in hospital with a hernia. 10/7/1916 embarked for return to Australia for an operation. 15/8/1916–10/1/1917 Adelaide hospital and Mitcham Base Details. 17/4/1917 joined AFC. Embarked 16/6/1917 as 2 Air Mechanic, 10th April Reinforcements AFC. 26/8/1917 England. 19/10/1917 to Wireless South Farnborough. 1/1/1918 posted overseas to Egypt and 25/1/1918 to 1 AFC. 13/4/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged 29/6/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, 1 AFC. He died 24/1/1965.

READ, Lionel. Born circa 1892 in Broken Hill, NSW. Newspaper reporter. 14/7/1915 enlisted Liverpool, NSW. 27/9/1915 Pte, 7 Light Horse Regt 10 Reinforcements. Embarked 5/10/1915 from Sydney for Egypt. 28/12/1915 to Mediterranean Expeditionary Force Maadi. 1/3/1916 Pte, 2 Reserve Light Horse Regt to 25/3/1916 Maadi. 26/3/1916 Gnr, 10 Field Artillery Brigade 40 Battery. 6/6/1916 sailed to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 25/6/1916 Gnr, Y4a Medium Trench Mortar Battery. 13/11/1916 to No. 1 RFC Officers Cadet Battalion England. 26/1/1917 to 2 School of Military Aviation Exeter College Oxford. 16/3/1917 discharged AIF to commission as Second Lt, RFC. 28/5/1917 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot, RFC. 29/7/1917 overseas to France to No. 1 RFC. 12/8/1917 shot down and POW at Karlsruhe. 14/12/1918 repatriated and returned to Australia.

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REES, D'Arcy Norman. Born 15/4/1891 in Kapunda, SA. Enlisted 16/4/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 26/5/1915 as Drvr, 4th Light Horse Brigade (14th Company Australian Army Service Corps) for Egypt. 20/3/1916 sailed from Egypt to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 26/11/1917 to AFC London as 2 Air Mechanic. 7/12/1917 to 2 School of Military Aviation Oxford. 22/5/1918 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 28/7/1918 Second Lt FO pilot, AFC. 13/8/1918 to hospital with a broken collar bone from aero accident. 28/10/1918: Lt. 11/1/1919 admitted to hospital from 8 Training Sqdn AFC after aero accident. 21/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; 2/1/1920 appointment terminated. He died 22/6/1954 in Victoria.

RICHARDS, Cecil Roy. Born 24/7/1893 in Garvoc, Victoria. Educated Scotch College Melbourne. Enlisted 16/3/1915 Pte, 6 Field Ambulance Broadmeadows. 4/6/1915 embarked from Melbourne. 30/8/1915 embarked from Egypt to join Mediterranean Expeditionary Force Gallipoli. 18/10/1915 admitted to 1 Australian Auxiliary Hospital Heliopolis with dysentery. 4/12/1915 embarked again for Gallipoli and returned 7/1/1916 to Egypt. 26/3/1916 landed in France to join the British Expeditionary Force. 17/6/1916 promoted Acting Cpl. 15/11/1916 to RFC Cadet Battalion England with view to commission RFC. 26/1/1917 to Exeter College 3 School of Military Aviation Oxford. 16/3/1917 discharged AIF and commissioned as Second Lt, RFC. 21/5/1917 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot, RFC. 26/5/1917 posted to 20 RFC in France flying FE2d pushers. The MC awarded: 'for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty when on offensive patrols in attacking and shooting down hostile machines. On one occasion he shot down four in one day, displaying great dash and a fine offensive spirit.' He was an FE2d ace credited with twelve victories. 19/8/1917 was shot down, wounded and made POW with Lt S.F. Thompson (observer). Post-WW1 he finished engineering course in Melbourne: became an engineer in electric railways, then engineer Vacuum Oil Co, manager Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne. In WW2 he had Air Training Corps service as Squadron Leader, RAAF, until 17/1/1946. He died 28/3/1973 in Glenelg, SA, aged seventy-nine. (He was the last WW1 pilot ace alive in SA at the time.)

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RICHARDS, Horace Edward. Born circa 1897 in Broken Hill, NSW. Engineer. Enlisted 21/1/1916 Adelaide. Embarked 31/5/1916 as Cpl, 11th Field Company Engineers from Adelaide. 21/7/1916 England. 24/11/1916 overseas to France. 11/1/1917 attached 3 Australian Divisional School and promoted to temporary Sgt instructor. 13/6/1917 rejoined 11 Field Company Engineers and reverted to Cpl. 5/8/1917 transferred to AFC England. 27/8/1917: 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Depot Wendover. 1/3/1918 to 2 School of Military Aviation Oxford as Cadet. 6/6/1918 to 7 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 30/7/1918 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot. 26/9/1918 overseas to France to 3 AFC. 30/10/1918: Lt. 3/3/1919 returned to England from France. 5/10/1919 returned to Adelaide; 28/11/1919 appointment terminated as Lt, AFC. He is presumed to have died 3/6/1957.

RISCHBIETH, Charles Roland. Born 15/2/1895 in Glenelg, SA. Educated St Peter's College. 1916 to England. 16/7/1916 probationary Flt Sub Lt, RNAS. 1917 RNAS Calshot and Great Yarmouth Air Station. 31/12/1917 Flt Lt. 1918 seaplane base Malta and anti-submarine patrols Italy. Post-Armistice returned Australia. He died 15/11/1974.

RISCHBIETH, William August Henry. Born 6/8/1889 in Mt Gambier, SA. Enlisted 19/6/1916 Adelaide Pte, Machine Gun Company. 27/11/1916 to 4 AFC Laverton. Embarked 17/1/1917 as 2 Air Mechanic, 4 AFC. 27/3/1917 England. 26/1/1918 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC. 1/7/1918: 1 Air Mechanic. 27/11/1919 disembarked Melbourne; discharged 11/1/1920 as 1 Air Mechanic, AFC.

RIX, Wilfred Edward. Born 2/3/1882 in Clare, SA. Enlisted 16/12/1914 Adelaide. Embarked 19/2/1915 as Pte, 10th Infantry Battalion 3rd Reinforcements from Melbourne. 28/5/1915 wounded in action Gallipoli. Evacuated to Egypt and hospital 7/6/1915 Cairo. 19/6/1915 to Convalescent Hospital Zeitoun. 29/7/1916 embarked for England. 9/8/1916 to Perham 3 Training Battalion. 21/8/1916 overseas to France to 10th Battalion. 5/5/1917 wounded in action: gunshot wound to the left leg; 28/5/1917 evacuated on HS *St George* to hospital England. 21/8/1917 transferred to 3 AFC South Carlton. 12/9/1917 attached 5 Training Sqdn AFC. 14/7/1918 to No.

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1 Two Sqdn Station AFC Minchinhampton. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged 13/8/1919 as Pte, AFC. In WW2 he served in the Australian Army: enlisted 9/10/1939 Adelaide; discharged 19/7/1942 as Pte, 25th Garrison Battalion.

ROACH, Frederick Thomas. Born 27/3/1889 in Clare, SA. Enlisted 10/10/1916 Adelaide. Embarked 17/1/1917 as 2 Air Mechanic, 4 AFC. 27/3/1917 arrived England and AFC Depot Perham Downs. 13/4/1917 for instruction Central Flying School Upavon. 5/7/1917 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC Shawbury. 27/7/1917 to Overseas Training Brigade Perham Downs. 17/4/1918 to 7 Training Sqdn AFC. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged 22/7/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

ROBERTSON, Thomas Dunn. Born 19/8/1897 in Magill, SA. Enlisted 4/12/1914 Adelaide. Embarked 2/6/1915 as Pte, 5th Reinforcements 3 Light Horse Regt. 22/8/1915 embarked for 3 Light Horse Regt Gallipoli. 26/12/1915 disembarked Egypt from Gallipoli. 29/12/1915: 3 Light Horse Regt joined Western Frontier Force. 15/12/1916 transferred to 2 AFC. 13/1/1917 embarked from Egypt for England. 21/9/1917 overseas to France with 2 AFC. 13/7/1918 England and to Aircraft Repair Section 1st Wing HQ. 18/10/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged 19/12/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, Aircraft Repair Section AFC.

ROGERS, James Edwin. Born 28/7/1877 in the Yorke Peninsula, SA. Enlisted 2/4/1917 Menangle Park, NSW. 10/5/1917 embarked as Pte, 7th Light Horse Regt. 20/6/1917 Suez. 1/9/1917 attached 1 AFC for trade test (rigger). 7/9/1917 transferred 1 AFC. 27/2–29/8/1918 in hospital with lumbago and neurasthenia. 3/10/1918 returned to Sydney; discharged 1/11/1918 medically unfit, 2 Air Mechanic, 1 AFC.

ROOK, Wilbur Harold. Born 20/4/1896 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 19/6/1917 Adelaide. 16/7/1917–28/1/1918 Pte–Sgt, Wireless School 2 Military District. 30/1–5/2/1918: 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Laverton. 6/2–29/4/1918 Air Cadet 10 Course. 29/4/1918 Second Lt. 16/5/1918 appointed AFC Laverton. Embarked 5/6/1918 as Second Lt, AFC Special Details Officers. 11/8/1918 England. 6/9/1918: 1 School of Military Aviation Reading. 8/1/1919 to 6 Training Sqdn

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AFC. 26/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; 11/7/1919 appointment terminated.

ROTHWELL, Leslie Lloyd. Born 4/9/1899 in Glanville, SA. Enlisted 4/9/1917 AIF Adelaide. 25/2/1918 transferred to AFC Laverton as 2 Air Mechanic. Embarked 8/5/1918 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC 19th Reinforcements. 10/7/1918 England and re-mustered as rigger. 1/11/1918 to Aircraft Repair Section 1st Wing AFC Leighterton. 28/12/1918 overseas to France to 2 AFC. 3/3/1919 to England from France. 24/11/1919 returned to Adelaide then on to Brisbane for discharge 22/12/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC. He died 1/11/1970.

ROUNSEVELL, Benjamin Corryton. Born 27/9/1889 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 14/11/1916 Adelaide. 5/2/1917 AFC Laverton. Embarked 26/11/1917 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC No. 1 Special Details. 27/12/1917 Suez. 29/1/1918 embarked for Taranto then train to Cherbourg. 15/2/1918 England and AFC Depot Wendover, 2 Air Mechanic. 4/3/1918 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC Minchinhampton. 22/5/1918 to AFC 1st Wing HQ Tetbury. 1/7/1918 1st CI Clerk, 1 Wing HQ. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged 7/7/1919 as 1st CI Clerk, AFC.

SCOTT, Edgar Weston. Born 9/5/1892 in Lipson, SA. Enlisted 5/3/1917 Port Lincoln. 16/5/1917 AFC Laverton. Embarked 8/8/1917 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC 12th Reinforcements. 2/10/1917 arrived England. 29/12/1917 overseas to France to 3 AFC. 3/3/1919 to England from France. 12/12/1919 arrived Melbourne then to Adelaide 13/12/1919; discharged 20/1/1920 as 2 Air Mechanic, 3 AFC.

SEDGLEY, Walter John Mongan. Born 16/3/1888 in Gawler, SA. Enlisted 12/3/1917 Brisbane. Embarked 14/6/1917 as Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant (WO2), 25th Infantry Battalion 20th Reinforcements from Sydney. 26/8/1917 England and No. 7 Training Battalion Rollestone. 24/9/1917 staff clerk Admin HQ, WO1. 22/11/1917 to Australian Army Pay Corps London. 5/4/1918 to 2 School of Military Aviation Oxford as Cadet for pilot training. 12/7/1918 to 7 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 10/9/1918 to Admin HQ. 2/4–5/5/1919 overseas to France. 28/8/1919 brought to notice of Secretary of State for War for valuable services rendered

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in connection with the war. 13/12/1919 returned to Melbourne; discharged at Adelaide 6/5/1920 as WO1, AFC (or AIF HQ).

3/1920 appointed Draughtsman and Assistant Building Surveyor with the City Engineer, Adelaide. Was an Associate of the Queensland Institute of Architects and a Fellow of the South Australian Institute of Architects, and was President of the latter Institute from 1948 to 1950. In WW2 he served in Australian Army from 9/9/1942 until discharged 29/4/1946 as Lt Col, HQ Australian Military Forces. He died 16/4/1971.

SHAKESHAFT, Sydney Henderson. Born 26/3/1890 in Kapunda, SA. Enlisted 8/9/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 18/11/1915 as Pte, 12th Reinforcements 3 Light Horse Regt for Egypt. 25/4/1916 temporary Cpl. 28/10/1916 transferred to AFC and trade test. 18/12/1916 to 2 AFC. 13/1/1917 embarked from Egypt for England. 21/9/1917 overseas to France with 2 AFC. 1/7/1918: 1 Air Mechanic. 3/3/1919 to England from France. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; 6/8/1919 discharged as 1 Air Mechanic, AFC.

SHEPHERD, John Pettinger. Born 7/10/1887 in Mt Gambier, SA. Attested 18/10/1916 Kalgoorlie, WA. Enlisted 27/10/1916 Black Boy Hill, WA. 3/1/1917 AFC Laverton. 15/2/1917 Acting L/Cpl. Embarked 11/5/1917 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC 8th Reinforcements. 19/7/1917 England. 20/8/1917 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC. 5/12/1917 overseas to France and to 2 AFC. 3/3/1919 to England from France. 21/4/1919 temporary Cpl. 8/7/1919 disembarked Fremantle, WA; discharged 16/8/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, 2 AFC. He died 25/5/1967 in Roleystone, WA.

SHIERS, Walter Henry. Born 17/5/1889 in Norwood, SA. Enlisted 9/4/1915 Liverpool, NSW, Trooper, 4th Light Horse Brigade Ammunition Reserves. Embarked 22/6/1915 from Sydney for Egypt. 11/9/1915 promoted to Drvr. 31/12/1915 transferred to 1 Light Horse Regt. 7/10/1916 attached 1 AFC Kantara. 14–19/2/1917 attached 57 Reserve Sqdn RFC Ismailia. 12/3/1917: 2 Air Mechanic to 1 AFC. 5/6/1916 re-mustered as fitter and turner. 1/11/1917: 1 Air Mechanic. 11/12/1918 temporarily detached to the RAF. 29/11–17/12/1918 detached Special Duty GOC RAF and proceeded by Handley Page aircraft to Mesopotamia and India. 10/2/1919

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embarked *Sphinx* Calcutta and returned India by train. 12/3/1919 embarked *Minto* Calcutta to reconnoitre Burma, Malay States, NEI, British North Borneo and Siam. 14/6/1919 returned Calcutta. 7/7–16/8/1919 attached 31 Sqdn RAF Risalpur to supervise rigging of Bristol Fighters (entered Theatre of Operations, 3rd Afghan Campaign, and was later granted India General Service Medal with Clasp 'Afghanistan NWF 1919'). 23/8–14/9/1919 India to England on *Soudan* and 16/9/1919 reported to Air Force HQ. Awarded the AFM. 30/10/1919 was granted permission to return to Australia as a competitor in a machine entered in the England–Australian Aerial Flight. Awarded Bar to the AFM after successful flight as mechanic to Ross and Keith Smith. 10/12/1919: Sgt. 8/6/1920 discharged Sydney as Sgt, AFC. 1/9/1920 granted honorary rank of Lt in Reserve of Officers Australian Military Forces.

1920 operated motor garage in Sydney. 1928 joined Air Travel Ltd. 1930 teamed up with D.A.B. Smith in an attempt to fly Australia–England in Smith's Ryan B1 Monoplane: lost for a week after a forced landing in the Ord River area; flight abandoned after another forced landing in Thailand. He became Chief Engineer of New England Airways (later Airlines of Australia) until the Second World War, then joined the parachute-maker Light Aircraft Co. in Sydney. In April 1958 he was the only survivor at the dedication of a 1919 England–Australia memorial sculpture by John Dowie at Adelaide Airport, which featured the Smith brothers, Jim Bennett and himself, and was displayed adjacent to the original Vickers Vimy. He died 2/6/1968 in Adelaide.

SIGGS, William Harold. Born 13/6/1891 in Norwood, SA. Enlisted 19/4/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 26/8/1915 as Pte, 8th Reinforcements 16th Infantry Battalion. 23/10/1915 to 16th Battalion Mudros. 11/12/1915 in hospital sick at Gallipoli and transferred to Mudros with rheumatism. 15/12/1915 to hospital Egypt. 11/4/1916 invalided to Australia on HS *Runic*. 4/11/1916 discharged to duty Mitcham. Re-embarked 10/2/1917 as Pte, 9th Reinforcements 48th Infantry Battalion. 2/5/1917 England and 12th Training Battalion. 16/7/1917 overseas to 48th Battalion. 29/9/1917 wounded in action. 19/1/1918 wounded in action. 23/1/1918 evacuated to hospital England. 7/3/1918 to AFC Depot Wendover as 2 Air Mechanic.

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18/3/1918 to Aircraft Repair Section 1st Wing AFC. 17/5/1918 re-mustered as 2nd CI Clerk. 14/6/1919 returned Adelaide; discharged 29/7/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

SIMMS, Victor Leo. Born 1895 in Moonta, SA. Fisherman. Enlisted 24/5/1915 Keswick. Embarked 14/9/1915 as Pte, 9th Light Horse Regt 10th Reinforcements from Adelaide. 18/12/1915 landed Mudros. 27/12/1915 returned to Alexandria. 10/9/1917 transferred to 1 AFC as 2 Air Mechanic rigger. 16–31/10/1917 temporarily attached 'X' Aircraft Park Abbassia. 12/3/1918 re-mustered as sailmaker. 1/5/1918: 1 Air Mechanic. 13/12/1918 re-mustered as Air Mechanic Class 1. 5/3/1919 embarked for return to Australia. 5/4/1919 arrived Adelaide; discharged 18/7/1919 as 1 Air Mechanic, AFC.

SIMPSON, George Robert. Born 24/12/1894 in Richmond, SA. Enlisted 23/6/1915 Adelaide. Presumed to have embarked 16/9/1915 3 Field Company Engineers 12th Reinforcements, or 11/12/1915 1 Field Company Engineers 12th Reinforcements on RMS *Mooltan* for Egypt. 27/3/1916 sailed from Alexandria to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 6/4/1916 to 3 Field Company Engineers. 8/8/1917 transferred to AFC. 26/1/1918 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC Cirencester. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; 6/8/1919 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC. He died 25/2/1963 in Springbank, SA.

SKINNER, Arthur. Born 4/12/1898 in Kensington, SA. Enlisted 8/9/1917 Adelaide (not to embark until age nineteen). 11/12/1917: 2nd Special Draft AFC Laverton, 2 Air Mechanic. Embarked 2/12/1917. 16/1/1918–24/1/1918 Suez then sailed to arrive 2/2/1918 Taranto, then by train to arrive 12/2/1918 Cherbourg, 13/2/1918 England, 4/3/1918 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged 7/7/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

SKITCH, Ralph Aubrey. Born 7/7/1896 in Stockport, SA. Enlisted 2/8/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 27/10/1915 Acting Sgt, 6th Reinforcements 27 Infantry Battalion for Egypt. 21/3/1916 sailed to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 15/6/1916 in hospital Wimeraux with bronchitis and evacuated to England: admitted to hospital 28/6/1916. 5/7/1916 to 1 Harefield from hospital. 20/2/1917 attached Finance Section Admin HQ. 7/4/1917 promoted

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R/Cpl. 29/8/1917 promoted ER Sgt. 6/5/1918 transferred to AFC and to 2 School of Military Aviation Oxford as Cadet. 8/8/1918 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 16/12/1918 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot. 16/3/1919: Lt. 5/12/1919 returned to Adelaide; appointment terminated 5/3/1920. He died prior to 11/1959.

SMITH, Frank Harvey. Born 13/2/1892 in Magill, SA. Enlisted 24/7/1915 Melbourne, Victoria. 23/12/1915 Pte Air Mechanic, Laverton. 1/3/1916: 2nd Cpl, 'A' Flt 1 AFC. 16/3/1916 embarked. 14/4/1916 Suez. 21/4/1916 attached 14 RFC Heliopolis. 14–19/2/1917 attached 57 Reserve Sqdn RFC Moascar. 25/8/1917: 1 Air Mechanic 2nd Cpl, to hospital with malaria. 5/9/1917 rejoined 1 AFC. 1/9/1917 Cpl. 27/9/1917 re-mustered as fitter and turner 1 Air Mechanic. 1/3/1918 Sgt. 13/12/1918 Sgt Mechanic. 17/4/1919 returned to Melbourne; 1/6/1919 discharged as Sgt, AFC, medically unfit.

SMITH, Keith Macpherson. Born 20/12/1890 in Adelaide, SA. educated Queen's College North Adelaide and Warriston School Moffat, Scotland. Employed Elder Smith & Co Ltd Adelaide. WW1: failed AIF medical, paid way to England. 7/1917: RFC, RAF; 11/1917 posted No. 58 RFC (no active service); 24/2/1918 posted No.75 (HD) RFC; Lt; passed course No. 1 Gosport School of Special Flying; instructor; observer-navigator; 5/11/1919 placed on RAF unemployed list.

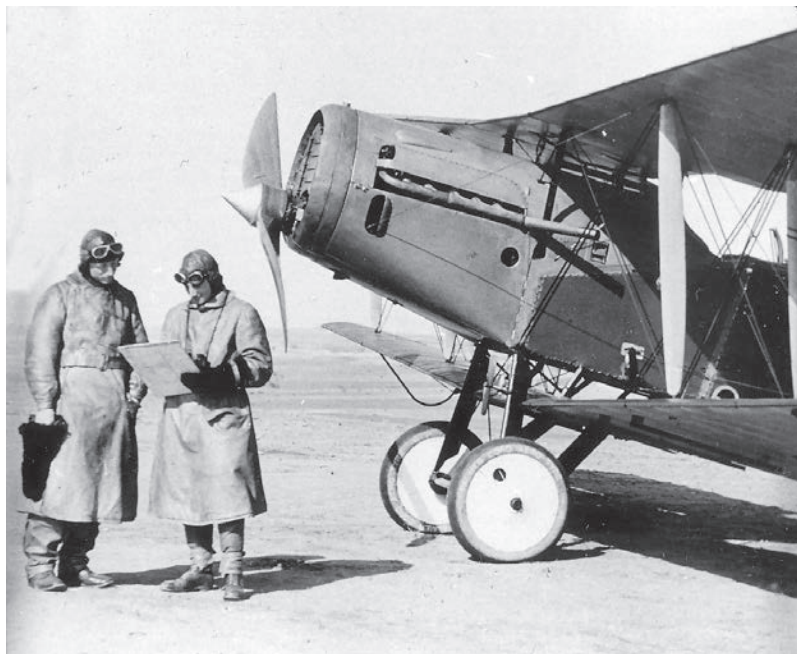
12/11–10/12/1919 flew with brother Ross, and Sgts Bennett and Shiers in Vickers Vimy G-EAOU England–Australia to win 10,000 pounds prize. 22/12/1919: KBE; presented with gold cuff-links depicting England and Australia by mother of Basil Watson, presented with gold medal by Royal Aero Club, silver medal by Aero Club of France. 1922 to England with Ross Smith and Bennett to prepare for round-the-world flight; he missed the test flight that killed Ross and Bennett 13/4/1922. Returned home for his brother's funeral in Adelaide, left again for England 13/9/1922. Announced intention to carry out round-the-world flight: starting date announced as 3/4/1923, but in the meantime he joined Vickers Aviation staff and postponed world flight. 1924 returned to Sydney associated with Airships Guarantee Co Ltd, schemes for

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England–Australia (Vickers-built) airship service did not go ahead. 1926 vice-president Australian Aero Club, NSW. 1927 resigned from committee; elected to Council of Australian Aircraft Traders Association. 1928 Chairman & Managing Director Vickers (Australia) Pty Ltd, registered in Sydney and Melbourne to market aeronautical equipment, sporting arms, cement plates, crushing plants and oil-well equipment. 7/2/1928 presented log of 1919 flight to Prime Minister (it is now in the National Library, Canberra). 1930 chairman of provisional committee for proposed federal Chamber of Aviation. WW2: vice-chairman RAAF Recruiting Drive Committee, became a vice-chairman British Commonwealth Pacific Airways, a director of Qantas Empire Airways and Tasman Airways. 19/12/1955 Sir Keith (Macpherson) Smith, KBE, died of cancer St Vincent's private hospital, Sydney. He is buried in North Road Anglican Cemetery, Adelaide. 22/3/1987 the Sir Ross & Sir Keith Smith Fund was launched in Adelaide by Sir Keith's widow, Lady Anita Smith, for the advancement in SA of the Science of Aeronautics and of education therein, trustee Elders Trustee & Executor Co Ltd.

SMITH, Ross Macpherson (Capt Sir Ross Smith, KBE, MC*, DFC**, AFC, Order of El Nahda). Born 4/12/1894 in Semaphore, SA. WW1: enlisted Adelaide 19/8/1914 Pte, 'B' Sqdn 3 Light Horse Regt. 1/9/1914 Sgt. 22/10/1914 embarked from Adelaide for Egypt. 9/5/1915 to join Mediterranean Expeditionary Force Gallipoli. 11/8/1915 promoted to Regimental Sgt Major Gallipoli. 5/9/1915 Second Lt. 12/9/1915 in 1 Australian Stationary Hospital Lemnos with enteritis, then HS *Caledonia* to Gibraltar, 4/11/1915 to 3 London General Hospital London. 4/2/1916 discharged to duty. 1/3/1916: Lt. 25/3/1916 posted to Egypt and 5/4/1916 returned to Alexandria. 18/7/1916 transferred to Machine Gun Sqdn 1st Light Horse Brigade. 15/10/1916 transferred to the AFC and 24/10/1916 attached RFC for instruction in aerial observation. 26/12/1916 graded qualified FO observer. 14–19/2/1917 attached 57 Reserve Sqdn RFC. 27/3/1917 awarded the MC. 30/4/1917 to 3 School of Military Aviation. 24/5/1917 to 57 Reserve Sqdn RFC. 7/6/1917 to 22 Reserve Sqdn RFC. 26/6/1917 to 23 Reserve Sqdn RFC. 3/7/1917 to School of Aerial Gunnery and graded FO pilot. 11/7/1917 qualified to wear wings. 16/7/1917 to 1 AFC. 1/9/1917 wounded in action

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Capt Ross Smith (left) and Lt 'Pard' Mustard discuss their patrol in front of a 1 AFC Bristol Fighter. Ross Smith earned a DFC and two Bars plus an MC and Bar and was later knighted for making the first England to Australia flight.

in aerial combat and was hospitalised. 19/9/1917 discharged to duty. 29/11/1917 injured in a plane crash Sheikh Nuran aerodrome but remained on duty. 29/11/1917 promoted Capt and Flt Cdr (temporary).

22/12/1917 MC*, 25/7/1918 DFC, 25/7/1918 and 5/2/1919 DFC*, 3/6/1919 AFC, 26/12/1919 KBE, 1/4/1920 Order of El Nahda by HM the King of the Hejaz.

29/11/1918–17/12/1918 detached from 1 AFC to RAF for flight Egypt–India. 2–6/1919 reconnoitred aerial route India–Australia. 25/7/1919 temporarily detached 31 RAF Risalpur. 29/7/1919 to HQ RAF Simla. 23/8/1919 embarked on *Soudan* from Bombay. 17/9/1919 arrived London AIF HQ. Returned to Australia 12/11–10/12/1919 by Vimy. 23/3/1920 Adelaide. 23/5/1920 appointment

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30-1-17		Name <i>Smith R. W.</i>		Rank <i>Private</i>	Regiment <i>1st</i>
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<p align="center">SCHOOL OF MILITARY AERONAUTICS</p>					
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Buzzing and Silented Key	21.5.17				
Artillery Co-operation Model Targets	21.5.17				
Bomb Sight Use of	21.5.17				
Winding Aerial	21.5.17				
Machine Gunnery Lewis & Vickers Elementary work	21.5.17				
Aerial Fighting Principles of	21.5.17				
Signature of a.c. Unit					
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Total time in Air	6 hrs 30 mins				
Time Solo	5 hrs 19 mins				
Machine Gunnery Elementary Targets	R. Boddie				
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Bomb Dropping	2.2.17	<i>2.2.17</i>			
Photography	2.2.17	<i>2.2.17</i>			
Formation Flying and Patrols	2.2.17	<i>2.2.17</i>			
Wireless	2.2.17	<i>2.2.17</i>			
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Vickers	10/7/17				
Lewis	10/7/17				
School Examination	10/7/17				
Aerial Fighting Practice	10/7/17				
Signature of a.c. Unit					
<p align="center">GRADUATION</p>					
Date of Graduation	3.7.17				
Types Flown	M. & C. 150				
Total Hours Flown in All Units	27 hrs 38				
Total Hours Solo in All Units	27				
Signature of a.c. Unit	<p align="right"><i>3.7.17</i> Commanding Officer</p>				

The flying training record of Ross Smith. This covers a period from May – July 1917 when Smith graduated as a Flying Officer pilot with the RFC. To graduate he had to demonstrate proficiency in Military Aeronautics, Elementary Flying, Advanced Flying and Aerial Gunnery. He had previously served as an Observer.
(via P. Daw / SAAM)

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terminated. 13/10/1920 left for England. 13/4/1922 killed with J.M. Bennett in crash of Vickers Viking during testing for round-the-world flight. 15/6/1922 his funeral was conducted in Adelaide.

SMITH, Roy Leland Pilgrim. Born 6/12/1895 in Bowden, SA. Enlisted 28/6/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 27/10/1915 as Pte, 11th Reinforcements 3rd Light Horse Regt for Egypt. 28/10/1916 transferred AFC, trade test 2 AFC. 13–30/1/1917 Egypt–England on *Kingstonian*. 9/6/1917 re-mustered from cook to sailmaker. 16/11/1917 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC. 4/4/1919 to AFC Depot Wendover from 6 Training Sqdn. 21/5/1919 Acting Cpl. 21/8/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged 13/10/1919 as Acting Cpl, AFC.

SMITH, William Frederick Edgar. Born 6/6/1889 in Norwood, SA. Enlisted 31/12/1917 Melbourne, Victoria. 15/1/1918 appointed 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Laverton. Embarked 28/2/1918 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC 3rd Special Details. 20/4/1918 England and to AFC Depot Wendover. 9/8/1918 to AFC Nucleus Flt Stonehenge. 4/11/1918 to Aircraft Repair Section AFC 1st Wing. 16/6/1919 returned to Melbourne; discharged 1/7/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC. Post-war became associated with K.R.M. Farmer and bought Avro 504K G-AUCY Skylark: with Farmer he conducted joyriding operations in Victoria, then branched out on his own and returned to SA late 1923 to operate from Albert Park aerodrome. 18/1/1924 flew over Adelaide Oval to enable the first aerial photo of Test Cricket in SA to be taken. On 26/1/1925 won a race between G-AUCY and three hydroplanes at Henley Beach. On 20/6/1925 he was contracted to bounce the ball on Adelaide Oval from G-AUCY to start a Charity Carnival football match, and after several attempts succeeded by flying between the spires of St. Peter's Cathedral on approach. On 3/11/1925 the Skylark crashed badly at Koorunga near Burra, but Smith and his two passengers suffered only minor injuries, after which he gave up flying and became a land broker in Adelaide, where he died on 16/3/1962. His headstone in the West Terrace Cemetery in Adelaide carries the epitaph 'You are the wind beneath my wings.' Aviator Lane, Rose Park, is named for him.

SNOW, Wilfrid Rippon. Born 9/6/1893 in North Adelaide, SA. Metallurgist, Adelaide (for some time on metallurgical staff

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at smelters at Wallaroo). Educated Prince Alfred College and University of Sydney (Bachelor of Engineering, Adelaide). Enlisted 12/1915 London. 23/2/1916 Second Lt on probation, RFC; trained 2, 19, 8 Reserve Sqdn RFC. 15/5/1916 to 10 RFC France. 18/5/1916 promoted to FO. 12/8/1917 transferred to 2 RFC. 16/8/1917 temporary Major and CO. 1/4/1918 Major. Post-Armistice: HQ Army of Rhine; repatriated 15/7/1919. The MC announced 23/3/1917. The DSO announced 22/4/1918. MID twice. 1923 married Mabel Grace McCullough-Ewing. Manager Francis H. Snow Ltd (1930); President Crippled Children's Association 1952. He died 15/6/1956 in Adelaide.

SOUTH, Albert Carl (previously SCHMELZKOPF). Born 27/11/1896 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 5/9/1914 Adelaide as Schmlzkopf. Embarked 22/1920/1914 as Pte, 3 Light Horse Regt. 9/5/1915 to Mediterranean Expeditionary Force Gallipoli. 13/8/1915 in hospital Gallipoli: evacuated to England and admitted to hospital 16/9/1915. Returned to Egypt 23/7/1916 to 1 Light Horse Brigade Machine Gun Sqdn Romani. 25/10–19/11/1916 School of Instruction (name now South –parents' name changed by deed poll 3/6/1915). 31/10/1917 wounded in action with a gunshot wound to the mouth at Rafa. 4/11/1917 the MM awarded for delivering ammunition to his guns under heavy shell fire while wounded (recommendation was for the DCM). 5/11–4/12/1917 in hospital with gunshot wound. 18/5/1918 attached 3 Cadet Wing Cairo. 14/7/1918 to 3 School of Military Aviation Abbassia. 5/10/1918 Flying Cadet. 31/12/1918 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot. 15/2/1919 to 1 AFC. 5/4/1919 returned to Adelaide; 12/6/1919 appointment terminated. He died 24/9/1923 in Adelaide.

STEELE, James Gordon. Born 2/6/1892 in Mt Gambier, SA. Enlisted 24/2/1917 Mt Gambier. 24/3/1917 AFC Laverton. 12/4/1917: 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Laverton. 16/5/1917 Sapper, Wireless School Sydney. 6/5/1918 to 2 Military District from 3 Military District. Embarked 8/5/1918 as 2 Air Mechanic, January Reinforcements AFC. 10/5/1918 W/Op. 10/7/1918 England. 12/8–2/10/1918 No. 1 School of Wireless Farnborough. 4/10/1918 to 7 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 22/8/1919 returned to Adelaide; 6/9/1919 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

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STEICKE, Carl Martin. Born 5/6/1878 in Caltowie, SA. Enlisted 30/11/1914 Adelaide. Embarked 2/6/1915 as Pte, 9th Light Horse Regt 5th Reinforcements for Egypt. 10/2/1916 Shoeing Smith. 13/7/1917 to 1 AFC guard duty from 9 Light Horse Regt. 20/3/1918 transferred to 1 AFC and re-mustered as blacksmith, 2 Air Mechanic. 27/3/1919 embarked Port Said to England, leave draft 12/4–12/5/1919. 24/4–8/5/1919 hospitalised in England due to deafness left ear. 29/7/1919 returned to Adelaide; 29/8/1919 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, 1 AFC. He died 11/9/1936 in Caltowie aged fifty-eight.

STEINLE, William. Born 22/8/1893 in Hawker, SA. Enlisted 6/10/1916 Melbourne, Victoria. 5/1/1917 Gnr, 2nd Field Artillery Brigade 24th Reinforcements. Embarked 14/2/1917 from Melbourne. 11/4/1917 England and to Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery Larkhill. 4/8/1917 transferred to AFC as 2 Air Mechanic. 27/8/1917 to Riggers School (School of Technical Training) Reading. 25/10/1917 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC. 1/1/1918: 1 Air Mechanic. 8/1/1918 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC Tern Hill. 12/1/1918 to Aircraft Repair Section 1st Wing AFC, Acting Cpl. 1/3/1918 Cpl/Acting Sgt. 1/4/1918 Sgt. 17/5/1918 Aircraft Repair Section, Sgt Mechanic. 22/7/1918 re-mustered as Sgt Mechanic rigger. 1/1/1920 returned to Adelaide; discharged 5/7/1920 Melbourne as Sgt Mechanic, AFC. He died 1930 aged thirty-six.

STENT, Herbert Edward Alexander. Born 27/5/1887 Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 7/10/1916 Melbourne. Embarked 17/1/1917 as 2 Air Mechanic, 'C' Flt 4 AFC. 27/3/1917 England. 1/9/1917: 1 Air Mechanic. 1/11/1917 Cpl. 16/12/1917 overseas to France with 4 AFC. 17/5/1918 Cpl Mechanic. 31/8/1918 reverted to 2 Air Mechanic at own request. 11/3/1919 England from France. 16/6/1919 returned to Melbourne; 24/7/19 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC. He died 1977 in Kew, Victoria.

STEPHENS, William Edward. Born c.1892 in Broken Hill, NSW. Motor mechanic. Enlisted 10/9/1915 Blackboy Hill, WA. Embarked 16/10/1915 as Sapper, 3rd Field Company Engineers 9th Reinforcements from Melbourne for Egypt. 27/3/1916 sailed to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 8/8/1917 transferred to

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AFC Depot Wendover England. 25/10/1917 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC Tern Hill. 1/12/1917: 1 Air Mechanic. 1/5/1918 Cpl. 14/5/1918 re-mustered as Cpl Mechanic. 9/6/1919 returned to Perth; 1/8/1919 discharged as Cpl Mechanic, AFC.

STEVENS, Edgar. Born c.1871 in Gawler, SA. Enlisted 9/9/1916 Adelaide aged forty-four. 21/9/1916 Pte, 2 AFC Laverton. Embarked 25/10/1916 as 2 Air Mechanic, 2 AFC. 28/12/1916 England. 24/8/1917 overseas to France with 3 AFC. 25/6/1918 sick in hospital France. 28/7/1918 to England with debility. 24/8/1918 returned to Australia for discharge with neurasthenia. 12/10/1918 arrived Adelaide; 3/5/1919 discharged medically unfit, 2 Air Mechanic, 3 AFC. He died 25/2/1943 in Adelaide.

STEVENS, John Patrick. Born circa 1895 in Adelaide, SA. Locomotive fireman. Enlisted 23/2/1916 Adelaide. Embarked 12/8/1916 as Pte, Australian Army Medical Corps Reinforcements from Adelaide. 1/10/1916 England, transferred to 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital. 4/5/1918: L/Cpl. 13/8/1918 brought to notice of Secretary of State for War 'for valuable services rendered in connection with the war'. 15/10/1918 to No. 2 Two Sqdn Station from 3 Australian Auxiliary Hospital. 4/11/1918 Cpl. 26/7/1919 embarked for return to Australia. 12/9/1919 arrived Adelaide; discharged 27/10/1919 as Cpl, No. 2 Two Sqdn Station AFC.

STEWART, James MacFarlane. Born 28/7/1891 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 12/1/1915 Liverpool, NSW. 13/3/1915 Trooper, 4th Reinforcements 6th Light Horse Regt 2nd Light Horse Brigade. 17/3/1915 embarked for Egypt. 13/1/1916 Cpl and transferred to 1st Division Army Ordnance Corps. 25/2/1916 attached Divisional HQ. 22/3/1916 to the British Expeditionary Force France. 8/11/1916 transferred to RFC England. 26/1/1917 to Brasenose College Oxford as Cadet. 16/3/1917 discharged AIF and commissioned as Second Lt, RFC. 13/8/1917 address: Second Lt, 25 RFC British Expeditionary Force. RFC/RAF service 17/3/1917–11/11/1918.

STOCKER, Edwin Joseph. Born 10/5/1895 in Moonta, SA. Enlisted 21/6/1915 Adelaide. 3/1916 AFC Laverton. Embarked 16/3/1916 as Pte, 1 AFC. 14/4/1916 Suez. 25/9/1916: 1 Air Mechanic. 1/1/1917 Cpl. 27/8/1917 re-mustered as rigger Cpl. 1/5/1918 Sgt.

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Air Mechanics Charles Stopp and Albert Loveday impersonate the crew of a 1 AFC Bristol Fighter, which is a presentation machine New South Wales No. 3 donated by Mrs P. Kirby and Son.

13/12/1918 Sgt Mechanic. MID announced 22/1/1919. 21/4/1919 returned to Sydney; 5/6/1919 discharged as Sgt Mechanic, 1 AFC. 1920 with Aerial Co Ltd, NSW. He served in the RAAF 14/12/1921–9/1/1950 with final rank of Squadron Leader, Eastern Area. He died 12/10/1970 in Maroubra, NSW.

STOCKMAN, Edgar Julius. Born 23/7/1887 in Koonunga, SA. Enlisted England. 1/2/1916 temporary Second Lt on probation, The Border Regt. Transferred to RFC. 7/4/1917 Royal Aero Club Certificate 6576. Late 1917 to early 1918 Home Defence Sqdns Biggin Hill. Posted to 101 RFC/RAF France. 15/9/1918 POW.

STOPP, Charles Rudolph. Born 4/4/1893 in Lobethal, SA. Enlisted 24/10/1916 Adelaide. Embarked 23/6/1917 as Pte, 24th Reinforcements 10th Infantry Battalion. 25/8/1917 England and 4/10/1917 transferred to AFC. 16/10/1917: 2 Air Mechanic. 14/12/1917 posted to 1 AFC and embarked 1/1/1918 for Egypt. 26/1/1918 to 1 AFC. 13/12/1918 re-mustered as 2 Air Mechanic, aero engine. 13/4/1919 returned to Adelaide; 6/5/1919 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, 1 AFC. He died 1957 in Northampton, WA.

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STORCH, Louis Albert. Born circa 1895 in Hahndorf, SA. Enlisted 22/5/1916 Adelaide. Embarked 17/1/1917 as Pte, 4 AFC. 27/3/1917 England. 16/4/1917–24/6/1917 to Wireless School South Farnborough. 6/7/1917 to Cadet Battalion Oxford. 26/11/1917 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot, AFC. 26/2/1918: Lt. 4/4/1918 overseas to France to 4 AFC. He was KIA 22/4/1918.

STOTT, William McGregor. Born 25/7/1886 in Alma Plains, SA. Enlisted 10/4/1916 Kadina, SA. 20/4/1917 1st Australian Army Medical Corps Company Broadmeadows. Embarked 10/5/1917 as Motor Transport Drvr, Motor Transport Reinforcements Australian Army Medical Corps. 28/7/1917 England. 4/11/1917 transferred to AFC. 13/3/1918 to 1st Wing Aircraft Repair Section Tern Hill. 7/2/1919 to No. 2 Two Sqn Station Leighterton. 21/8/1919 returned to Adelaide; 21/9/1919 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

STUCKEY, Robert Edward. Born 14/7/1896 in Millicent, SA. Enlisted 26/6/1916 Sydney. Embarked 3/2/1917 as Trooper, 1st Light Horse Regt 23rd Reinforcements from Sydney. 11/3/1917 Suez and 13/4/1917: 1st Light Horse Regt. 28/7–9/8/1917 to School of Instruction Zeitoun. 11/5/1918 attached to AFC. 18/5/1918 to 3 Cadet Wing 11th Course of Instruction as Cadet. 28/8/1918 from 3 School of Military Aviation to Armament School. 31/3/1919 attached 16 Training Station RAF. 14/5/1919 graduated as Second Lt on probation FO pilot, AFC and posted to 1 AFC. 18/8/1919 returned to Sydney; appointment terminated 25/9/1919.

SUTHERLAND, Alan D'Arcy. Born 14/4/1889 in Adelaide, SA. Educated St Peter's College. Enlisted 12/8/1915 Adelaide. 1/10/1915 Sgt. 16/12/1915 commissioned as Second Lt. Embarked 11/4/1916 as Second Lt, 48th Infantry Battalion 2nd Reinforcements. 6–16/6/1915 Alexandria–England. 27/7–23/10/1916 Adjutant 12th Infantry Training Battalion. 22/10/1916 discharged AIF to commission RFC. 23/10/1916 to RFC School of Instruction Oxford. 28/2/1917 he was Killed in Flying Accident in England.

SWAN, Frederick Richard. Born 13/11/1892 in Semaphore, SA. Enlisted 11/5/1915 Keswick, SA. 1/5/1916 Staff Sgt appointed 23 Howitzer Brigade Maribyrnong, Victoria. Embarked 20/5/1916 as Staff Sgt, 23rd Howitzer Brigade HQ Ammunition Column from

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Melbourne. 18/7/1916 England. 31/12/1916 posted overseas to 23 Field Artillery Brigade France and 8/1/1917 attached Anzac Section 3rd Echelon British Expeditionary Force. 26/4/1917 transferred to AIF HQ and attached Admin HQ England. 6/6/1918 Staff Sgt to 2 School of Military Aviation Oxford as Cadet for training as FO pilot. 30/8/1918 'A' Certificate Oxford. 31/8/1918 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 8/3/1919 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot. 8/6/1919: Lt FO pilot. 16/8/1919 returned to Adelaide; 2/10/1919 appointment terminated. 1/1/1920 appointed Second Lt, Reserve of Officers. In WW2 he served in the Australian Military Forces as Sgt 24/5/1940–15/7/1948 and in the Regular Army Special Reserve as Sgt 16/7/1948–30/10/1952.

SWANN, Lyell Keith. Born 18/5/1895 in Keyneton, SA. Educated Kyre College and Prince Alfred College. Enlisted 14/3/1916 Adelaide. Embarked 28/8/1916 as Pte, 3rd Reinforcements 43 Infantry Battalion. 11/10/1916 England and to 40 Battalion Larkhill. 21/11/1916 Cpl. 22/11/1916 Acting Sgt. 23/11/1916 overseas to France. 30/11/1916 temporary Sgt. 15/1/1917 Sgt. 24/6/1917 awarded the MM for bravery in the field. 26/6/1917 promoted to Second Lt. 3/11/1917: Lt. 7/2/1918 to AFC England. 1/3/1918 to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading for training as FO pilot. 30/5/1918 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC. 30/7/1918 graduated as FO pilot, AFC. 3/11/1918 overseas to France to 4 AFC. 14/11/1918 he was Killed in Flying Accident.

SWANN, Wallace Rex. Born 23/9/1884 Woodville, SA. Enlisted 12/2/1917 Adelaide. 21/11/1917 acting Company Sergeant Major, Mitcham. 24/11/1917: 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Laverton. 26/11–6/12/1917 Acting L/Cpl. 6/12/1917 Acting Sgt. 22/12/1917 embarked for Egypt. 16/1/1918 Suez, 2/2/1918 Taranto, 12/2/1918 Cherbourg, 13/2/1918 England. 9/3–29/4/1918 School of Technical Training Reading. 14/6/1918: 2 Air Mechanic to 7 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 22/7/1918 re-mustered as carpenter from rigger. 23/4/1919 embarked to return to Australia via America at own expense, returned to Adelaide 22/7/1919, 4 Military District; discharged 6/8/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

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SWIFT, Brian Herbert. (Sir Brian Herbert Swift, KT, MC, MA, MD, B.Ch, FRCSE, FRACS, FRCOG). Born 2/2/1893 in Adelaide, SA. Educated Prince Alfred College, Adelaide University, Cambridge University. 2/8/1916 commissioned Royal Army Medical Corps. 1918 awarded the MC, Capt. 9/1918 transferred to the RAF. 23/10/1919 demobbed. Returned to Adelaide and worked in obstetrics. 1925 to Britain and fellowship Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh and studied in Vienna. 1928 returned to Adelaide, specialised in obstetrics/gynaecology. Convened medical committee SA branch British Medical Association. Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology London. In WW2: 1/11/1940 Major, Australian Army Medical Corps AIF. Mid-East 1941. Returned to Adelaide 3/1942, 101st Australian General Hospital. 24/7/1943 Reserve of Officers. Consultant gynaecologist RAAF 1943–1945. President SA branch British Medical Association; founded the Australian regional council of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. Knighted 1954. He died 19/5/1969 in Adelaide.

SYMONS, Charles Edward. Born 5/8/1890 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 10/10/1916 as 2 Air Mechanic, 2 AFC Laverton. Embarked 25/10/1916. 28/12/1916 England. 12/1/1917 to 1 Reserve Sqdn RFC Gosport. 10/2/1917 rejoined 3 AFC South Carlton. 14/8/1917: 1 Air Mechanic. 19/8/1917 overseas to France with 3 AFC. 12/1/1919 Cpl Mechanic. 3/3/1919 England from France. 16/6/1919 returned to Melbourne; 24/7/1919 discharged as Cpl Mechanic, AFC. He died 17/4/1970.

SYMONS, Parker Whitley. Born 4/8/1893 in Moonta, SA. Enlisted 30/9/1916 Adelaide. Embarked 22/12/1916 as Drvr, 3rd Auxiliary Mechanical Transport Company No. 2 Section. 3/3/1917 England. 20/6/1917 overseas to France. 21/12/1917 transferred to AFC and returned to England. 3/1/1918 Motor Transport Drvr, AFC Details. 4/1/1918: 2 Air Mechanic to 2 School of Military Aviation Oxford as Cadet. 5/5/1918 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC Leighterton. 6/6/1918 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot. 21/8/1918 overseas to France to 4 AFC. 6/9/1918: Lt. He was KIA 4/11/1918.

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TAPLIN, Leonard Thomas Eaton. Born 16/12/1895 in Unley, SA. Enlisted 6/12/1915 Sydney, NSW. Embarked 1/4/1916 as Sapper, 1st Field Company Engineers 16th Reinforcements from Sydney. 3/5/1916 disembarked Egypt and to Miscellaneous Reinforcements Tel-el-Kebir. 28/5/1916 embarked on SS *Briton* for England. 14/8/1916 overseas to France. 9/10/1916 transferred to 5 Field Company Engineers. 30/4/1917 transferred to AFC. 3/5/1917 to AFC England. 15/6/1917 attached 30 Training Sqdn AFC as 2 Air Mechanic. 9/7/1917 to 2 School of Military Aviation Christ College Oxford. 9/9/1917 to 30 Training Sqdn AFC. 29/9/1917 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot, AFC. 17/10/1917 overseas to Egypt. 8/11/1917 posted to 1 AFC. 12/11/1917 wounded in action but remained on duty. 29/12/1917: Lt FO pilot. 6/3/1918 embarked for England. Awarded the DFC for Middle East service. 7/6/1918 to 1 School of Aerial Fighting & Gunnery, Turnberry. 27/6/1918 overseas to France and to 4 AFC. 5/9/1918 POW. 28/12/1918 repatriated. 20/10/1919 returned to Adelaide; 12/12/1919 appointment terminated. 1921 one of the original pilots of West Australian Airways (WAA); he flew with WAA until 1926 then moved to Port Hedland. In WW2 he enlisted 25/2/1942 Port Hedland, WA: Lt 20/3/1942, Capt 31/3/1943; resigned his commission 10/8/1944, 11th WA Battalion Volunteer Defence Corps.

TAYLOR, Charles Farrow. Born 5/10/1888 on the Yorke Peninsula (Port Vincent), SA. Enlisted 30/9/1916 Perth, WA. 23/11/1916–15/4/1917 Driver, Wireless Moore Park, NSW. 17/4/1917: 2 Air Mechanic, AFC 10th Reinforcements Laverton. Embarked 16/6/1917 from Sydney. 25/8/1917 England. 19/10/1917 to Wireless School Farnborough. 14/5/1918–25/10/1918 No. 1 School of Navigation and Bomb Dropping Stonehenge (AFC Nucleus Flt). 27/10/1918 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC. 17/10/1919 returned to Perth; 17/11/1919 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

TAYLOR, Jack Gleeson. Born 8/9/1889 in Red Hill, SA. Enlisted 31/7/1916 Adelaide. 26/9/1916 Trooper, 3rd Light Horse Regt 23rd Reinforcements. Embarked 16/1/1917 from Adelaide. 16/2/1917 Suez. 5/3–14/5/1917 in hospital dangerously ill with pleurisy/pneumonia. 1/7/1917 to School of Instruction. 13/11–30/12/1917 sick in hospital. 6/3/1918 to Ordnance Depot Cairo for armourer

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course. 27/4/1918 sick in hospital. 31/8/1918 attached to AFC for trade test. 15/9/1918 to 1 AFC, armourer 3 Air Mechanic. 1/11/1918: 2 Air Mechanic. 13/12/1918 re-mustered as armourer 3 Air Mechanic. 13/4/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged 28/5/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC, medically unfit. In WW2 discharged 24/7/1942 as Pte, 5th Battalion Volunteer Defence Corps.

TAYLOR, Robert Harold. Born 25/3/1890 in Norwood, SA. Enlisted 15/10/1914 Black Boy Hill, WA. Embarked 22/12/1914 as Pte, 16th Infantry Battalion 1st Reinforcements on A35 *Berrima* from Melbourne. Served at Gallipoli. 30/12/1915 Alexandria from Mudros. 7/6/1916 from Egypt to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 7/6/1916 Acting Sgt. 1/11/1916 reverted to Pte. 9/11/1916 detached to 3 RFC. 23/4/1917 selected for training as AFC observer and posted to No. 1 School of Instruction Reading. 23/6/1917 graduated as Second Lt, AFC, observer. 24/8/1917 overseas to France with 3 AFC. 23/9/1917: Lt. 29/9/1917–30/10/1917 in hospital. 6/11/1917–22/2/1918 leave to the UK and Italy. 16–24/4/1918 admitted to hospital with exhaustion (stress of flying): discharged to four weeks' leave and return to instruction as pilot. 4/6/1918 due to stress of service recommended for light ground duties, temporarily unfit as pilot. 5/7/1918 to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading for training as FO pilot. 18/10/1918 from Armament School Ealing. 9/12/1918 returned to Australia on Anzac Leave. 15/1/1919 disembarked; 16/3/1919 appointment terminated.

THOMAS, Henry Warne. Born 1883 in Adelaide, SA. Rigger. Enlisted 4/4/1917 Perth, WA. 26/4/1917: 2 Air Mechanic, 12th June Reinforcements Laverton. Embarked 8/8/1917 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Reinforcements from Sydney. 2/10/1917 England and AFC Depot Wendover. 19/11/1917 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC Shawbury. 1/3/1918: 1 Air Mechanic. 23/5/1918 to 1 Wing HQ. 7/7/1918 to 7 Training Sqdn AFC Leighton. 22/7/1918 re-mustered as photographer from rigger. 26/7/1918 to No. 1 Two Sqdn Station. 7/9/1918 to No. 2 Two Sqdn Station. 26/9–15/11/1918 RAF School of Photography Farnborough. 6/5/1919 embarked for return to Australia. 9/6/1919 arrived Perth; discharged 9/7/1919 as 1 Air Mechanic, AFC.

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THOMAS, Richard. Born circa 1885 in Port Adelaide, SA. Engineer (employed Commonwealth Naval Dockyard and well-recommended for the AFC). Enlisted 20/6/1917 Melbourne, Victoria. 29/6/1917 14th (August) Reinforcements AFC Laverton. Embarked 30/10/1917 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Reinforcements from Melbourne. 27/12/1917 England and AFC Depot Wendover. 17/4/1918 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC. 30/7/1918 RAF medical exam for commission in RAF, but unfit for pilot or observer. 26/9/1918 to AFC Depot Wendover. 15/10/1918 overseas to France to 3 AFC. 3/3/1919 to England. 6/5/1919 embarked for return to Australia. 16/6/1919 arrived Melbourne; discharged 30/8/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

THOMPSON, Harry L'Estage. Born 12/1/1899 in Semaphore, SA. Enlisted 12/9/1917 Adelaide. 27/2/1918 AFC Laverton. Embarked 6/3/1917 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Reinforcements & Special Draft. 15/5/1918 England. 5/7/1918 to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading to train as FO observer. 10/10/1918 qualified as Second Lt FO observer. 4/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; 19/6/1919 appointment terminated as Second Lt, AFC.

THOMSON, Bruce Garie. Born 24/3/1894 in Kapunda, SA. Enlisted 27/11/1914 Adelaide. Embarked 1/6/1915 as 2296 Pte, 3rd Field Ambulance 5th Reinforcements. 9/8/1915 to 3rd Field Ambulance Gallipoli. 27/12/1915 left Gallipoli. 27/3/1916 embarked from Alexandria to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 21/12/1917 to AFC England. 4/1/1918 to RFC Cadet School of Instruction Worcester for training as FO observer. 4/2/1918 to School of Aerial Gunnery Hythe. 26/2/1918 qualified as Second Lt FO observer, AFC. 26/5/1918: Lt and overseas to France to 3 AFC. He was KIA 3/10/1918.

THOMSON, Jack Muir. Born 23/2/1895 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 19/10/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 31/5/1916 as Sgt, 11 Field Ambulance Australian Army Medical Corps. 21/7/1916 England. 25/11/1916 overseas to France. 30/4/1917 transferred to AFC and returned to England. 11/8/1917 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC Shawbury as 2 Air Mechanic. 25/10/1917 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC Tern Hill. 17/4/1918 overseas to 2 AFC. 17/5/1918 re-mustered as Sgt Mechanic. 1/12/1918 promoted to Chief Mechanic. 2/3/19

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attached to No. 2 Two Sqdn Station Leighterton. 14/6/19 returned to Adelaide; 29/7/1919 discharged as Sgt Mechanic, AFC. In WW2 he served in the Australian Army 5/10/1942–12/2/1946 as Capt, 42 Assault Landing Craft Company.

THOMSON, Reginald Corston. Born 26/7/1895 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 19/6/1916 Perth, WA. 13/9/1916 Pte, 2 AFC Laverton. 4/10/1918 Acting Cpl. Embarked 25/10/1916 as Acting Cpl, 2 AFC. 28/12/1918 England: 2 Air Mechanic 3 AFC South Carlton. 1/5/1917: 1 Air Mechanic. 23/7/1917 to Wireless and Observers School Brooklands. 19/8/1917 overseas to France with 3 AFC. 1/10/1917 Cpl. 1/1/1918 Sgt. 17/5/1918 re-mustered as Sgt Mechanic. 4/8/1918 transferred to AFC Details British Expeditionary Force, but remained attached to 3 AFC. 1–15/11/1918 in hospital with flu while on leave in England. 24/2/1919 returned to Fremantle; 10/4/1919 discharged Perth as Sgt Mechanic, 3 AFC. 1959 retired supervisor PMG Department WA, awarded the Imperial Service Medal. He died 2/10/1964 in Wembley, WA.

THOMSON, Robert Fotheringham. Born 17/2/1893 in Kapunda, SA. Enlisted 4/10/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 5/1/1916 as Pte, 9th Light Horse Regt 13th Reinforcements. 10/2/1916 Heliopolis. 8/9/1916 transferred to 26 Depot Units of Supply Anzac Mounted Division from 9 Light Horse Regt. 9/2/1917 Cpl and Acting Sgt. 10/3/1917 transferred to 2nd Light Horse Brigade Support Section. 1/5/1917 Sgt. 27/7/1917 transferred to HQ Australian Army Service Corps Anzac Mounted Division. 1/8/1917 Staff Sgt. 11/8/1917 to Supply Section Australian Army Service Corps ANZ Dvn Train. The DCM announced in London Gazette 30530 15/2/1918: 'for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. When his unit had suffered heavy casualties during an action he carried out his duties with marked initiative and ability, thus ensuring the supplies of the Brigade.' 24/5/1918 embarked Alexandria for commission RFC. 5/6/1918: WO1, AFC, England from Egypt. 5/7/1918 to 2 School of Military Aviation Oxford. 11/10/1918 to 7 Training Sqdn AFC. 1/4/1919 Second Lt on probation. 26/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; 18/8/1919 appointment terminated. In WW2 he served in the Australian Army 24/6/1940–20/3/1945 as WO2 in 33 Garrison Battalion.

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TOBIN, Bob Bishop. Born 25/4/1891 in Alberton, SA. Enlisted 28/9/1915 Sydney. Embarked 20/12/1915 as Pte, 17th Battalion 8th Reinforcements from Sydney. 17/3/1916 embarked from Alexandria for the British Expeditionary Force France. 9/6/1916 transferred to 2 pioneer Battalion; selected for RFC from volunteers from AIF units and 9/11/1916 transferred to attend RFC Officers Battalion England. He sought discharge from AIF to be Engineer Sub Lt, RN Reserve in Minesweeper: 23/11/1916 HQ 1 Anzac Corps had no objection provided RFC consent approved. 10/1/1917 granted AIF discharge in London to be commissioned in RN Reserve. He died 9/5/1950 in Adelaide aged fifty-nine.

TOBIN, Harry Bishop. Born 1896 in Alberton, SA. Enlisted 1/9/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 7/2/1916 as Pte, 10th Infantry Battalion 14th Reinforcements on A28 *Miltiades* from Adelaide. 11/3/1916 Suez. 26/3/1916 transferred to 13th Field Company Engineers. 6/6/1916 embarked from Alexandria to join the British Expeditionary Force France, but was evacuated to hospital in Alexandria with dysentery. 2/8/1916 embarked from Alexandria for England and Engineers Training Depot. 8/10/1916 overseas to France 13th Field Company Engineers. 28/11/1917 detached to AFC, possibly for observer training 6/12/1917 to AFC Depot Wendover. 12/1/1918 overseas to France and rejoined 13th Field Company Engineers. 15/2/1918 sick. 25/3/1918 evacuated to hospital in England with pleurisy. 8/5/1918 discharged from hospital. 6/8/1918 to Overseas Training Brigade. 14/1/1919 to Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery. 29/3/1919 returned to Adelaide; 20/5/1919 discharged as Sapper, 13th Field Company Engineers.

TREGILGAS, George Richard. Born 26/10/1884 in Mallala (Grace Plains), SA. Enlisted 6/3/1916 Kadina, SA. Presumed embarked 11/4/1916 as Pte, 50th Battalion 2nd Reinforcements from Adelaide. 16/6/1916 England. 28/11/1916 overseas to France to 50th Battalion. 13/2/1917 sick in hospital, evacuated to hospital in England with bronchitis. 17/7/1917 attached to 5 Training Sqdn AFC Shawbury pending transfer to AFC. Appointed 2 Air Mechanic and mustered as cook. 28/3/1918 attached to 6 Training Sqdn AFC Minchinhampton. 2/4/1918 rejoined 5 Training Sqdn AFC. 7/9/1918 to No. 1 Two Sqdn Station Minchinhampton. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide;

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A presentation DH5 during the 2 AFC training period in England in 1917



On 21.9.1917 these pilots of 2 AFC flew to France as the first fighter unit of the AFC to go into action. Included among them were Capt. A.W. McCloughry and Lt L.H. Holden from South Australia

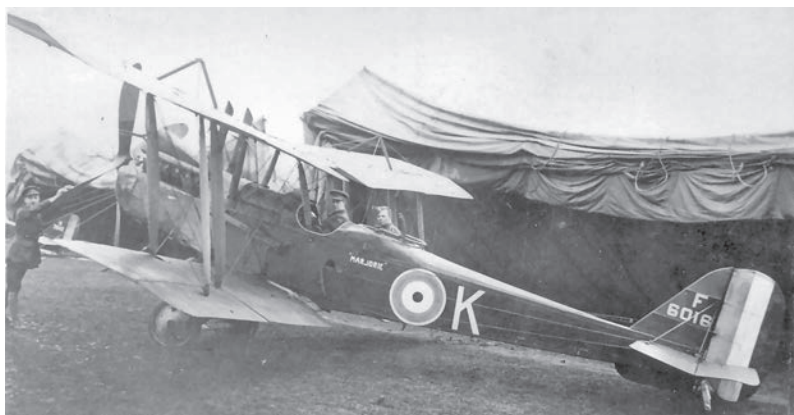
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Officers of 3 AFC at Villers-Bocage in France in 1918



DH5 A9242 during 2 AFC training period in England in 1917. The donation inscription reads 'New South Wales Women's Battleplane No. 14 Subscribed and collected by women of New south Wales'.



A typical RE8 'K' of 3 AFC with name Marjorie painted below the cockpit

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discharged 29/7/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC. He died 27/1/1955 in Adelaide.

TRENAMAN, Clarence Oliver. Born 4/3/1892 in Broken Hill, NSW. Motor mechanic. Enlisted 14/1/1916 Adelaide, SA. Embarked 28/8/1916 as Pte, 48th Infantry Battalion 5th Reinforcements from Adelaide. 11/10/1916 England and to 12th Training Battalion Codford. 3/5/1917 overseas to France to 48th Battalion as Cpl. 15/7/1917 wounded in action and remained on duty. 4/8/1917 transferred to AFC. 27/8/1917 to AFC Depot Wendover as 2 Air Mechanic. 17/4/1918 to 1 Wing Aircraft Repair Section Leighterton. 18/7/1918 to 7 Training Sqdn AFC at No. 2 Two Sqdn Station Leighterton. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; 22/7/19 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC. In WW2 he served in the Australian Army: enlisted 10/1/1941 Paddington, NSW; discharged 16/9/1942 as Pte, 11th Garrison Battalion. He died 3/10/1950.

TRESTRAIL, John Henry Roy. Born 1/7/1889 in Palmer, SA. 1915 to England. 6/10/1915 enlisted RFC. Served in France 7/11/1915–16/7/19 to reach the rank of Flt Sgt Mechanic; discharged 30/12/1919 on return to Australia. 1921 joined Norman Brearley's Western Australian Airways as mechanic. He died 20/1/1971 in Perth, WA.

TUCK, Linden Stanley Roy. Born 17/4/1896 in Adelaide, SA. Commercial traveller. Enlisted 28/7/1915 Melbourne, Victoria. 19/2/1916 to 1 AFC Laverton. Embarked 16/3/1916 as Pte, 1 AFC from Melbourne. 14/4/1916 Suez. 21/4/1916 attached Aircraft Park Abbassia. 25/5–9/6/1916 hospitalised with a fractured jaw, and again 10/7–16/8/1916 with a facial fracture. 23/4–1/7/1917 in hospital with abrasions to hand and face. 13/8–6/11/1917 in hospital with malaria. 20/12/1917–5/6/1918 detached to 40th Wing RAF special duty. 4–14/10/1918 detached to RAF convoy. 13/12/1918 re-mustered as Air Mechanic 2nd CI from Driver Petrol. 5/3/1919 embarked for return to Australia. 17/4/1919 arrived Melbourne; discharged 1/6/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, 1 AFC.

TURNER, Richard George. Born 30/1/1894 in Jamestown, SA. Enlisted 17/8/1914: 2 Infantry Battalion Randwick, NSW. 18/10/1914 embarked from Sydney. 8/12/1914 disembarked Egypt

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to join Mediterranean Expeditionary Force Gallipoli. 26/4/1915 wounded in action and evacuated to Egypt. 18/5/1915 rejoined unit Gallipoli. 28/12/1915 returned to Egypt after evacuation. 22/3/1916 embarked from Egypt to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 8/11/1916 posted to RFC England. 26/1/1917 to RFC 3 School of Military Aviation Brasenose College Oxford. 16/3/1917 discharged AIF and commissioned as Second Lt, RFC. He was killed in a flying accident during training in England 4/5/1917.

TURNER, Tom Gordon. Born 16/6/1892 in Snowtown, SA. Enlisted 30/5/1916 Adelaide. 22/6/1916 Pte, 10th Battalion 19th Reinforcements. Embarked 12/8/1916 from Adelaide. 30/9/1916 England. 22/10/1916 overseas to France to 10th Battalion. 14/4/1917 in hospital with trench feet; 22/4/1917 evacuated to hospital in England. 4/8/1917 transferred to AFC as 2 Air Mechanic. 25/10/1917 to 7 Training Sqdn AFC Yatesbury. 18/7/1918 to 8 Training Sqdn AFC. 27/7/1918 to No. 2 Two Sqdn Station Leighton. 16/4/1919 returned to Adelaide; 29/7/1919 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

UNDERWOOD, Clifton Allan. Born 5/11/1893 in Hindmarsh, SA. Enlisted 25/4/1916 Melbourne, Victoria. 1/8/1916 embarked as Pte, 29th Infantry Battalion 8th Reinforcements from Melbourne. 14/9/1916 England and 8th Training Battalion. 11/11/1916 overseas to France and to 31st Battalion. 14/12/1916 wounded in action: 25/12/1916 evacuated to hospital England. 15/2/1917 to 1 Command Depot Perham Downs from hospital and furlough. 23/6/1917 to Overseas Training Depot. 16/7/1917: 2 Air Mechanic mustered as shoemaker 5 Training Sqdn AFC. 1/12/1917: 1 Air Mechanic. 14/7/1918 to No. 1 Two Sqdn Station Minchinhampton. 16/6/1919 returned to Melbourne; discharged 31/7/1919 as 1 Air Mechanic, AFC. In WW2 he served in the Australian Army: enlisted Adelaide 11/11/1940; discharged 25/9/1941 as Pte, 18th Garrison Battalion.

WADE, Carol Wolseley. Born 13/5/1891 in Wolseley (Croydon), SA. Enlisted 23/5/1917 Renmark, SA. 4/11/1917 AFC Laverton. Embarked 26/11/1917 as 2 Air Mechanic, No. 1 Special Draft AFC. 15/2/1918 England. 16/5/1918 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC

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*Martinsydes were employed as escort fighters and bombers
by 1 AFC in Palestine*



*Personnel of 1 AFC
with one of their Bristol Fighters in 1918*

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The first Maurice Farman Shorthorn trainer arrived at AFC CFS, Point Cook, late in 1916 and is seen here as CFS-15 in February 1917

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Minchinhampton. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged 7/7/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC. He died 25/10/1967 in Adelaide.

WADHAM, Harry Esmond. Born 11/6/1894 in Norwood, SA. Enlisted 3/2/1916 Melbourne and appointed to HQ Flt 1 AFC Laverton as 2 Air Mechanic. Embarked 16/3/1916. 14/4/1916 Egypt. 24/6/1916 re-mustered as fitter and turner, 1 AFC. 1/9/1917: 1 Air Mechanic. MID 3/4/1918 by General Sir E.E.H. Allenby. 1/5/1918 Cpl. 13/12/1918 Cpl Mechanic. 28/2/1919 returned to Adelaide; 15/4/1919 discharged as Cpl Mechanic, AFC. He died 24/10/1950 in Cremorne, NSW.

WALD, Alexander. Born 19/6/1893 in Petersburg (Peterborough), SA. Enlisted 19/8/1914 Adelaide. 22/12/1914 embarked as Gnr, 301 Motor Transport Australian Army Service Corps 17 Divisional Ammunition Park Melbourne. 20/4/1916: L/Cpl. 14/5/1915 embarked from Egypt for Gallipoli. Wounded in action and returned to Egypt. 22/3/1916 embarked from Egypt to join the British Expeditionary Force France. 8/11/1916: Pte to RFC England and Officers Cadet Battalion with view for commission RFC. 26/1/1917 to 3 School of Military Aviation Oxford. 16/3/1917 discharged from AIF and commissioned as Second Lt, RFC. Graduated as Second Lt FO pilot and posted to 100 RFC France. 11/6/1918 awarded the MC: 'for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He carried out a large number of night bomb raids on enemy headquarters, aerodromes and railways with great success. Many of these flights were carried out in bad weather and at very low altitudes. On one occasion, though he had engine trouble and his radiator burst when he was over the enemy's lines, he continued his flight and bombed a railway station from 1,500 feet. He set a fine example of determination to his squadron.' 11/8/1918 he was killed in an aircraft accident in England.

WALLMANN, Harold Stanley. Born 24/3/1896 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 4/1/1916 Adelaide. Embarked 28/4/1916 as Pte, 9th Light Horse Regt 16th Reinforcements. 1/6/1916 to 3 Light Horse Training Regt Tel-el-Kebir. 1/9/1916 to 9th Light Horse Regt. 6/8/1917 transferred to 1 AFC as 2 Air Mechanic. 20/12/1917–3/4/1918 detached to HQ 40th Wing RAF then rejoined 1 AFC. 13/12/1918

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re-mustered as Driver (petrol) 2 Air Mechanic. 13/4/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged 28/5/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC. He died 30/4/1962 in Adelaide.

WARD, Leslie Norman. Born 29/1/1893 in Walkerville, SA. Enlisted 26/8/1914 Pte, 3rd Light Horse Regt. Embarked 22/10/1914. 9/5/1915 to Gallipoli. 28/8/1915 evacuated sick to Egypt. 20/3/1916 rejoined 3 Light Horse Regt. 31/3/1916 temporary Cpl. 18/7/1916 transferred to Machine Gun Sqdn 1st Light Horse Brigade. 30/12/1916 transferred to 2 AFC as 2 Air Mechanic. 13/1/1917 embarked on *Kingstonian*. 30/1/1917 England. 9/3/1917 to 2 School of Aerial Gunnery Hythe for instruction. 15/3/1917 to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading. 3/6/1917 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot, AFC. 21/9/1917 overseas to France with 2 AFC. 3/9/1917: Lt. 20/11/1917 POW. 18/12/1918 repatriated to England. 21/3/1919 returned to Adelaide; 12/9/1919 appointment terminated. In WW2 he served in the Australian Army 5/10/1942–7/10/1943 as Lt, HQ SA Line of Communications. He died 6/5/1983 in Springbank, SA.

WARREN, Harry Collier. Born 20/11/1893 in Port Pirie, SA. Enlisted 17/8/1914 Blackboy Hill, WA, Drvr 3rd Field Artillery Brigade 8th Battery. Embarked 31/10/1914 from Fremantle. 4/4/1915 embarked from Egypt for Gallipoli. 3/1/1916 returned to Egypt from Gallipoli. 24/2/1916 promoted to Bombardier. 23/3/1916 embarked from Egypt for France. 26/11/1916 transferred to AFC England. 5/12/1916 to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading. 29/3/1917 to 3 AFC South Carlton. 4/4/1917 he was killed in a flying accident at South Carlton during training in England.

WARREN, John Richards. Born 22/10/1890 in Quorn, SA. Enlisted 13/2/1917 Perth, WA. 5/3/1917 AFC Laverton. Embarked 10/5/1917 as 2 Air Mechanic, 9th Reinforcements AFC from Sydney. 20/7/1917 England. 28/7/1917 to AFC Depot Wendover. 26/1/1918 to 7 Training Sqdn AFC and attached to 8 Training Sqdn AFC. 17/2/1918 returned to 7 Training Sqdn AFC. 9/6/1919 returned to Perth; 9/7/1919 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

WATERHOUSE, Francis James. Born 20/8/1891 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 9/8/1915 Blackboy Hill, WA, Pte, 11th Infantry Battalion 11th Reinforcements. Embarked 2/11/1915 from Fremantle. 2/3/1916

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Lts Roy Phillipps, Henry Forrest and Leslie Ward of 2 AFC at Turnberry in Scotland in the final stages of their flying training

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*The RE8 reconnaissance machine
was used in small numbers by 1 AFC*



Pilots of 'A' Flight 2 AFC at war's end, November 1918

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joined 11th Battalion Egypt. 29/3/1916 embarked for the British Expeditionary Force France. 22–25/7/1916 wounded in action and evacuated to hospital in England. 4/10/1916 to 3 Training Battalion. 17/10/1917 to AFC as 2 Air Mechanic. 1/10/1918 temporary Cpl. 14/10/1918 reverted to 2 Air Mechanic, to No. 2 Two Sqdn Station Leighterton. 18/2/1919 Acting Cpl. 15/8/1919 returned to Perth; 12/1/1920 discharged as Acting Cpl, AFC. He died 2/9/1968 in Sydney.

WATTS, Frank Perry. Born 30/4/1894 in Dawseley near Mt Barker, SA. Enlisted 15/9/1915 Adelaide. 16/3/1916 appointed Driver, 3 Company Divisional Train 25 Australian Army Service Corps. 9/6/1916 embarked. 24/7/1916 England. 16/10/1916 transferred to RFC. 15/11/1916 to No. 1 RFC Cadet Battalion Denham. 26/1/1917 to 3 School of Military Aviation Brasenose College Oxford. 16/3/1917 discharged from AIF and commissioned as Second Lt, RFC. Graduated as Second Lt FO pilot. 7/1917 posted to France to 9 RFC. 20/9/1917 he and Second Lt A.N. Burrow (observer) were shot down and both wounded: Watts's leg and jaw broken, Burrow's leg broken. 1919 Watts returned to Australia, tried to get into civil aviation, then RAAF in WW2: unable due to medical reasons. He died 7/1/1964 in Adelaide.

WEST, Clifford George. Born 27/9/1897 in Mt Lofty, SA. Enlisted 17/9/1915 Adelaide. Embarked 12/1/1916 as Pte, 27th Infantry Battalion Reinforcements. 2/4/1916 to 50th Battalion Egypt. 7/6/1916 to the British Expeditionary Force France. 15/8/1916 to 13 Machine Gun Company France. 11/10/1917: 12 Machine Gun Company France. 12/10/1917 wounded in action: gunshot wound to the hip, and 14/10/1917 invalided to England (shell gas). 8/3/1918 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC Minchinhampton. 14/7/1918 to No. 1 Two Sqdn Station. 7/11/1918 to Overseas Training Brigade. 22/11/1918 to Australian General Base Depot France. 2/1/1919 to 4 Australian Machine Gun Battalion. 10/2/1919 returned to England, 6/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; 29/7/1919 discharged as Pte, 4 Machine Gun Battalion.

WEST, Percy Francis. Born 10/8/1894 in Largs Bay, SA. Enlisted 2/9/1915 Adelaide. Able-bodied Seaman Driver, 6 Reinforcements

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RAN Bridging Train. 5/10/1915 embarked from Melbourne. 13/11/1915 embarked from Egypt for duty at Suvla Bay Gallipoli 1st RAN Bridging Train. 20/1/1916 returned to Egypt. 31/3/1916 promoted to Leading Seaman. 8/4/1916 promoted to PO. 26/11/1916 transferred to Officers Training School Zeitoun. 27/2/1917 discharged from AIF and commissioned as Second Lt, RFC. 10/6/1917 embarked from Egypt for Basrah, 16/7/1917 to 30 RFC. 24/3/1918 he was KIA in India.

WHITTLE, Roy Sydney Frank. Born 23/10/1899 in Baroota, SA. Enlisted 9/9/1918 Melbourne, Victoria (previously had 7 months at AFC Central Flying School Laverton). 9/10/1918 appointed AFC Laverton. Embarked 22/10/1918 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC Special Draft Reinforcements on A36 *Boonah* for England. 20/12/1918 returned on *Boonah* to Adelaide after the Armistice. 1/2/1919 discharged Melbourne as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC, medically unfit. 1/1/1920 No. 17 Sgt joined AAC. 12/5/1920 discharged at own request. In WW2 he served in the Australian Army 20/6/1940–10/9/1940 as Pte, DIS ORD W/SHPS. He died 1972 aged seventy-two.

WIGG, Ronald Melrose. Born 5/11/1895 in Unley, SA. Enlisted 21/2/1916 Adelaide. Appointed 2 Air Mechanic, 2nd Reinforcements 1 AFC Laverton. Embarked 25/7/1916 from Melbourne. 24/8/1916 Suez and to 1 AFC. 8/7/1917–6/11/1917 detached to 292 Battery Royal Garrison Artillery 2 Air Mechanic w/op. 20/1/1918–20/2/1918 detached to 265 Brigade RFA w/op. 1/3/1918 embarked to England. 17/3/1918 to AFC Depot Wendover as 2 Air Mechanic. 15/5/1918 to 7 Training Sqdn AFC. 8/5/1919 returned to Adelaide; 15/6/1919 discharged as Air Mechanic, AFC. He died 9/10/1980 in Adelaide aged eighty-four.

WILKINS, George Hubert (Capt Sir Hubert Wilkins, MC*, MID). Born 31/10/1888 in Burra, SA. Educated SA public schools and SA School of Mines. 9/1912 special correspondent with Turkish Army on active service. Three-and-a-half years' naval service Canada: 6/4/1914 Commander HMCS *North Star*, 3/8/1914 Commander *Mary Sachs* inclusive to 10/1916 (engaged on Canadian Expedition reports). 1/5/1917 enlisted AFC Melbourne. Embarked 10/5/1917 as Second Lt, AFC 9th Reinforcements from Sydney. 2/7/1917 England, to 1

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and 3 Camp Parkhouse. 2/8/1917 unfit in capacity as FO due to defective colour vision. 21/8/1917 overseas to France; transferred to General List from AFC and attached 1 Anzac HQ from Australian War Records Section AIF London. 1/11/1917: Lt. 26/2/1918 to London on duty. 10/4/1918 to Admin HQ as official photographer, awarded the MC. 11/7/1918 temporary Capt and in charge No. 3 Photographic Section Australian War Records Section. 31/7/1918 overseas to France from AFC HQ Leighterton. 21/10/1918 to UK on duty. 8/11/1918 MID by Sir Douglas Haig. 4/12/1918 to Admin HQ London from France. 20/12/1918 to France. 4/1/1919 to UK from France. 18/1/1919 overseas to Gallipoli. 30/1/1919 embarked from Malta for Constantinople. 26/3/1919 Egypt from Constantinople. 12/4/1919 embarked from Port Said for UK. 21/4/1919 disembarked to duty Australian War Records Section. 7/6/1919 to Australian War Records Section France. Awarded Bar to the MC. 6/7/1919 to HQ AIF England from France. 10/11/1919 to Australian War Records Section. 21/11/1919 left England for return to Australia by aeroplane: failed to complete. 28/5/1920 returned to Australia on *Bremen*. 24/7/1920 arrived Australia; 7/9/1920 appointment terminated 2 Military District.

1920–1921 he was second-in-command to Dr J.L. Cope on an unsuccessful British Imperial Antarctic Expedition to Graham Land. 1921–1922 joined the Shackleton-Rowett Oceanographical and Antarctic Expedition. During 1922–1923 toured Russia filming the effects of famine. 1923–1925 explored the Australian Northern Territory as leader of an Australia and Islands Expedition for the British Museum Natural History section. 1926: made Arctic exploration flights using Fokker FVII/3m Detrioter and Fokker FVII Alaskan with pilots Carl Ben Eielson (chief pilot), Major Thomas C. Lanphier and Sgt A.N. Wisley. 1927: Wilkins and Eielson made further flights in the Detroit Arctic Expedition using two Stinson Detrioter SB-1 biplanes (Detroit News 1 and Detroit News 2), with Alger Graham as second pilot and Orval Porter as mechanic (then Wilkins sold the engine-less trimotor Detrioter to Kingsford Smith and Ulm, which became the Southern Cross). 15–21/4/1928 Wilkins and Eielson in Lockheed Vega X3903 flew across the North Polar Sea from Barrow to Spitzbergen in the Wilkins-Detroit News Arctic

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Expedition. Wilkins was awarded a Knighthood Bachelor for the first complete crossing of the Arctic polar basin by air; he was also awarded the Patron's Medal of the Royal Geographical Society of London and the Samuel Finley Breese Morse Medal of the American Geographical Society, as well as gold medals from the Norwegian and French Aeronautical Societies and the International League of Aviators. In 1928 and again in 1929 he led the Wilkins-Hearst Antarctic Expeditions and used two Lockheed Vegas with pilots Eielson, Crosson, Cheesman and Kramer. 19/12/1928 Eilson and Wilkins made the first long flight in Antarctica: 1900 km over Graham Land. In between his 1928 and 1929 Antarctic expeditions Wilkins flew as correspondent for the *Daily Chronicle* on German airship *Graf Zeppelin*. 1930: he bought an old US Navy decommissioned submarine O-12 for token price of \$1 and adapted it; he formed the Wilkins-Ellsworth Expedition and in August 1931 became the first person to take a submarine under the Polar ice. 1933–1939 was second-in-command on Ellsworth Antarctic Expeditions. August–November 1937: unsuccessful Arctic aerial search for missing Russian aircraft and crew. WW2: 1941 appointed as a consultant to Military Planning Division US Armed Services and other positions; was awarded the Certificate of Exceptional Meritorious Civilian Service by the US Army. A Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and the Royal Meteorological Society (1923), an honorary D.Sc by the University of Alaska (1955), Capt Sir Hubert Wilkins MC*, MID, died 30/11/1958 at Framingham, Massachusetts, in the USA while attached to Research & Development Command, teaching Arctic survival. On 17/3/1959 his ashes were scattered at the North Pole from the nuclear submarine *Skate*, and on 29/11/1966 a memorial plaque was unveiled at Hallett near his birthplace in SA.

WILLIAMS, Richard (Air Marshal Sir Richard Williams, KBE, CB, DSO). Born 3/8/1890 in Moonta, SA. 8/3/1911 Second Lt, SA Infantry Regt. 5/1/1912 Second Lt, 10th Australian Infantry Regt. 1/7/1912 Second Lt, 78th Infantry Regt. 26/9/1912 Special School of Instruction Albury. Officer Admin and Instructional Staff Citizen Military Forces. 5/1/1916 enlisted AIF. 6/1/1916 Capt, 1 AFC. Embarked 16/3/1916 on A67 *Orsova* from Melbourne. 14/4/1916 Suez. 21/4/1916 to 14 RFC. 11–20/2/1917 attached 57 Reserve Sqdn RFC. 22/5/1917

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Personnel of 3 AFC pose in front of an RE8 in 1918

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Members of 2 AFC shortly after the November 1917 Battle of Cambrai, during which six pilots earned the MC and four ground staff were awarded the MM



Pilots of 2 AFC during their training in England. Lt Robert McKenzie from Adelaide (on left) gained six victories and the MC during his service in France

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temporary Major and CO, 1 AFC. 28/6/1917 MID by General Sir Archibald Murray. Awarded the DSO. 28/6/1918 temporary Lt Colonel to command 40th Wing RAF. 29/11/1918–26/1/1919 OC Palestine Brigade RAF. 1/1/1919 awarded OBE. 24/2/1919 embarked on HT *Ormonde* from Port Said for England. 5/3/1919 attached AIF HQ Aviation Section London as Lt Colonel. 17/3/1919 Staff Officer for Aviation vice Brinsmead. 5–11/6/1919 to France duty HQ Detachment. 30/10/1919 embarked for return to Australia on *Wahehe*. 30/12/1919 arrived Melbourne. MID by General Sir E. Allenby. 9/2/1920 appointment terminated Melbourne. Brought to notice of the Secretary of State for War by General Sir E. Allenby for distinguished service; awarded the Order of Nahda 3rd Cl by HM the King of the Hejaz.

1920 brevet Lt Colonel Australian Military Forces. The AAC was formed 1/1/1920 and Williams was appointed a member of the temporary Air Board to formulate air policy. 22/7/1920 made first non-stop flight between Sydney and Melbourne in an AAC DH9A. 8/1920 with Capt E.J. Jones, each in an AAC DH9A, flew the English mail of the Prince of Wales from Port Augusta to Sydney. 9/11/1920 the Air Council and the Air Board was officially proclaimed, with Williams as the First Air Member of Air Board (serving as Director of Intelligence and Organisation), sharing responsibilities with Second Air Member Wing Cdr S. J. Goble as Director of Personnel and Training.

Wing Cdr Williams led the RAAF from its inception on 31/3/1921 and was appointed Chief of Air Staff on 2/10/1922. He went to England to attend British Army Staff College Camberley and RAF Staff College Andover, returning to Australia early 1925 to his position as Chief of Air Staff. 25/9/1926 Group Capt Williams, with Flt Lt I.E. McIntyre and Flt Sgt L.J. Trist, left Point Cook in RAAF DH50A seaplane to gain knowledge of Pacific Islands for defence purposes and returned to Point Cook on 7/12/1926 – a flight for which Williams was awarded a CBE, McIntyre a Bar to his AFC, and Trist the AFM. In 1927 he led an RAAF aerodrome survey flight from Melbourne around Australia. 1933 he attended Imperial Defence College London. 1935 awarded CB and promoted to Air Vice Marshal. 1939 to the UK for exchange duty with the RAF and served as Air Officer in charge

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of Admin Coastal Command RAF. He returned to Australia and 1940–1941 was Air Member for Organisation & Equipment RAAF on the Air Board. His promotion as the RAAF's first Air Marshal was gazetted on 25/1/1940. 1941–1942 was Air Officer Commanding Overseas HQ RAAF in London. 1942–1946 was RAAF Representative for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, USA. 15/9/1946 retired from the RAAF. 1946–1955 was Director General of Civil Aviation. 1947 was Chairman of the Australian Delegation to the Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization meeting in Melbourne. 1954 knighted KBE. 1955 retired and joined the board of Tasman Empire Airways Ltd. 7/2/1980 Air Marshal Sir Richard Williams, KBE, CB, DSO died in Melbourne aged eighty-nine. RAAF Williams is named after him.

WILLIAMS, Sydney Norman. Born in Norwood, SA. Enlisted 26/1/1915 Keswick 'C' Company Base Depot Infantry. 10/5/1915 discharged to join Commonwealth Aviation Corps. Enlisted 16/2/1916 Melbourne. 22/2/1916 appointed HQ Flt 1 AFC Laverton. 1/3/1916: 2nd Cpl. 6/5/1916–23/6/1916 Reinforcements 1 AFC Laverton then discharged as supernumerary to requirements.

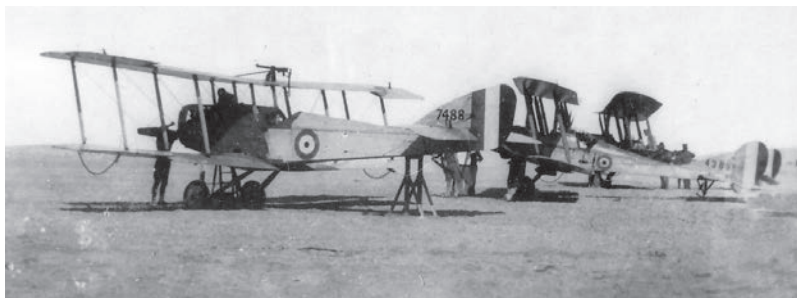
WILLIAMS, Wentworth. Born 1890 in Goodwood, SA. Enlisted 18/7/1916 Melbourne. Embarked 25/7/1916 as 2 Air Mechanic (Pte W/Op), 1 AFC 2nd Reinforcements. 24/8/1916 Suez and to 1 AFC. 31/12/1916 attached HQ 1 AFC and 3/1–21/2/1917 temporarily attached HQ RA Anzac Mounted Division. 3/3–14/10/1917 attached RFA Brigade HQ. 18/10/1917–20/1/1918 attached 383rd Siege Battery. 17/2–13/8/1918 attached 265 Brigade Royal Field Artillery. 1/11/1918 promoted to 1 Air Mechanic. MID by General Sir E.H.H. Allenby 5/3/1919. 17/4/1919 returned to Melbourne; discharged 12/7/1919 as 1 Air Mechanic, 1 AFC.

WILLMOTT, Frank Barry. Born 1/11/1893 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 18/9/1916 Adelaide. Embarked 6/12/1916 as 2 Air Mechanic, 2 AFC Reinforcements from Melbourne. 17/2/1917 England. 15/6/1917 attached 6 Training Sqdn AFC Tern Hill. 9/8/1917 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC from Officer Training Corps Oxford. 18/10/1917 graduated as Second Lt FO pilot, AFC. 15/12/1917 overseas to France with 4 AFC. 13/1/1918 POW. 14/12/1918 repatriated to England. 1/1/1919: Lt.

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A Bristol Fighter and RE8s of 1 AFC in Palestine, 1918



*A Martinsyde and BE2c machines of 1 AFC
being prepared for a bombing raid*



*The AFC Training Schools at Minchinhampton used the SE5A to prepare
pilots for their service with the operational squadrons in France*

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27/5/1919 returned to Adelaide; 4/7/1919 appointment terminated as Lt, AFC. Early post-war period he operated a joyriding concern as Willmott Gardner Aviation Co in SA with a DH6 aircraft. In WW2 he served in the RAAF as Squadron Leader Admin Officer; posting at discharge 17/10/1945 was RAAF Station Pearce. He died 1966 in Tasmania.

WILSDON, John William Ross. Born 27/6/1893 in Port Pirie, SA. Enlisted 14/1/1916 Adelaide. 29/4/1916 to Melbourne as Pte, 9th Light Horse Regt 17th Reinforcements. Embarked 8/5/1916 from Melbourne. 9/7/1916 Pte, Camel Corps Egypt. 28/9/1917 detached to School of Aviation for trade test. 7/10/1917 to 1 AFC as 2 Air Mechanic. 13/12/1918 re-mustered as Driver (petrol) 2 Air Mechanic, 1 AFC. 13/4/1919 returned to Adelaide; 28/5/1919 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, 1 AFC. Post-war he was associated with Spencer's Gulf Aero Club. In WW2 he enlisted 16/9/1941 Adelaide; discharged 26/9/1945 as Cpl fitter armourer, 2 Air Observers School, Mt Gambier. He died 25/2/1958 in Penola, SA.

WINNALL, John. Born 27/7/1899 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 26/11/1917 Adelaide. 15/2/1918 transferred to AFC Laverton as 2 Air Mechanic. 6/3/1918 embarked AFC Reinforcements from Melbourne. 4/4/1918 Suez. 30/4/1918 embarked for England. 15/5/1918 England and AFC Depot Wendover. 14/6/1918 admitted to Cent Mil Hospital Aylesbury with chemical burn to left eye and conjunctivitis. 3/10/1918 RAF medical exam: unfit for pilot or observer. 25/2/1919 to 1 Training Brigade C Depot Sutton Veny from Leighterton for early repatriation. 6/5/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged 23/5/1919 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC. He died 16/10/1977 in Adelaide aged seventy-eight.

WINNALL, Whitford. Born 27/7/1899 in Adelaide, SA. Enlisted 25/9/1917 Melbourne, Victoria. 8/10/1917–5/2/1918 appointed AFC Laverton as Pte. 6/2–29/4/1918 Air cadet 10 Course. 29/4/1918 Second Lt. 5/6/1918 embarked from Sydney. 11/8/1918 England and AFC Depot Wendover. 6/9/1918: 1 School of Military Aviation Reading for FO pilot training. 31/10/1918 admitted War Hospital Reading seriously ill with pneumonia and acute mastoiditis. 27/2/1919 convalescent. 8/5/1919 disembarked Adelaide;

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22/5/1919 appointment terminated as Second Lt, AFC Details. In WW2 he served in the Australian Army 22/11/1940–6/1/1947 as Capt, 4 Military District Echelon and Records. He is presumed to have died October 1978 in Adelaide.

WITCOMB, Oscar George. Born 28/12/1892 in Yacka, SA. Enlisted 22/8/1914. Embarked 20/10/1914 as Bugler, 10th Infantry Battalion from Adelaide. 2/3/1915 sailed from Egypt and 3/5/1915 rejoined 10th Battalion at Gallipoli. 20/7/1915 admitted to hospital Gallipoli. 1/12/1915 transferred to 1st Australian Pay Corps as Cpl. 1/5/1916 embarked from Egypt for England. 1/9/1916 temporary Sgt. 4/6/1917 transferred to AFC. 15/6/1917 attached 6 Training Sqdn AFC Shawbury. 13/9/1917 qualified as Second Lt FO observer, AFC. 13/12/1917: Lt. 5/3/1918 overseas to France to 3 AFC. 7/9/1918 was selected to train as pilot and posted to England. 4/10/1918 to 1 School of Military Aviation Reading. 16/10/1918 admitted to hospital pending return to Australia on 1914 Anzac Leave. 5/11/1918 embarked from England to return via America at own expense. 11/1/1919 arrived Sydney, then Adelaide where appointment terminated as Lt, AFC 1/4/1919. He died 16/7/1963 in Adelaide.

WOLLASTON, Clifford Leslie. Born 7/8/1888 in Glenelg, SA. Enlisted 23/10/1916 Sydney, NSW, Field Company Wireless Reinforcements. Embarked 17/1/1917 as Pte, 4 AFC HQ Flt from Melbourne. 27/3/1917 England and AFC Depot Perham Downs as 2 Air Mechanic. 16/4–24/6/1917 to Wireless School Farnborough then 4 AFC Castle Bromwich. 16/11/1917 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC. 20/5/1918 to 5 Training Sqdn AFC. 16/4/1919 to AIF HQ for duty. 24/9/1919 returned to Adelaide; 1/11/1919 discharged as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC.

WORTHINGTON, Horace James. Born 8/3/1895 in Norwood, SA. Enlisted 2/1/1917 Adelaide. 6/2/1917 to AFC 10th (April) Reinforcements Laverton. Embarked 16/6/1917 from Sydney. 25/8/1917 England and to 1 and 3 Camp Parkhouse. 4/9/1917 to AFC Depot Wendover. 21/2/1918 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; 14/7/1919 discharged as Pte, AFC.

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WRAY, Percy. Born 18/10/1888 in Norwood, SA. Jeweller. Enlisted 29/10/1917 Melbourne. Embarked 26/11/1917 as 2 Air Mechanic, AFC No. 1 Special Draft from Melbourne. 27/12/1917 Suez. 29/1/1918 embarked from Alexandria for Taranto 4/2/1918, then by train to reach Cherbourg 14/2/1918. England 15/2/1918 and AFC Depot Wendover. 14/5/1918 to No. 1 School of Navigation and Bomb Dropping Stonehenge (AFC Nucleus Flt). 19/6/1918 to AFC Depot Wendover. 8–17/8/1918 in hospital with influenza. 18/8/1918 to AFC Nucleus Flt Stonehenge. 20/9/1918 Cpl Mechanic to be Acting Sgt Mechanic. 19/10/1918 embarked for return to Australia for duty Central Flying School and reverted to Cpl Mechanic. 27/12/1918 arrived Melbourne and 2/1/1919 disembarked Sydney; discharged 14/1/1919 as Cpl Mechanic, AFC.

YOUNG, Spencer Murray. Born 1/3/1891 in Ardrossan, SA. Enlisted 17/4/1916 Adelaide. 26/10/1916 AFC Reinforcements Laverton. Embarked 6/12/1916 as 2 Air Mechanic, 2 AFC 3rd Reinforcements. 3/3/1917 England and to AFC Depot Perham Downs. 15/6/1917 to 6 Training Sqdn AFC. 1/5/1918: 1 Air Mechanic. 14/6/1919 returned to Adelaide; discharged 22/7/1919 as 1 Air Mechanic, AFC.

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*Officers of 4 AFC with the allied Army of Occupation
at Cologne in 1919*



*Members of 4 AFC with a Sopwith Snipe
in Germany after the Armistice*

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Appendix – Roll of Honour

To be eligible for the WW1 Roll of Honour, an individual must have died during service as a member of the Australian armed forces, or as a result of that service, between 4/8/1914 and 31/3/1921. The 'Airmen's Roll of Honour' can be further defined as including service with the AFC or Allied services such as the RFC or RNAS.

The National War Memorial, located on the corner of North Terrace and Kintore Avenue, Adelaide, was opened in 1931. It includes the names of over 5,000 South Australians who died during their WW1 service. It includes separate airmen's entries for AFC, RFC and RN service.

Name	Details	War Memorial
Anderson, E.V.	12/5/1914 killed in first RFC aerial collision prior to WW1	n/a
Baker, T.C.R.	Killed in Action 4/11/1918 with 4AFC	Yes – AFC list
Cameron, C.C.	Died of illness 18/11/1918 while in Egypt with 1 AFC	Yes – AFC list
Davey, R.A.	Drowned in North Sea 8/9/1916 serving with RNAS Balloon Service	Yes – RN list
Dewhurst, E.B.	Air Mech., with 3 AFC. Killed France 22/3/1918 by German artillery	Yes – AFC list
Edson, C.R.	Died of wounds 17/8/1917 sustained during aerial combat	Yes – AFC list
Forsyth, H.J.	Killed in Action France 18/8/1917 when 55 RFC DH4 hit by AA fire	Yes – RFC list
Fowler, D.D.	Killed in aircraft accident, England, 17/3/1917 while with RFC	No
Franklin, R.V.	Killed in aircraft accident, Egypt, 24/6/1917, while with RFC	No
Gilbert, J.D.	Killed in Action, France, 18/10/1917, during 56 RFC aerial combat	Yes – RFC list
Godlee, J.	Killed in Action, France, 19/7/1916, during 32 RFC aerial combat	No
Hardy, G.B.	Died while serving with RNAS in England, 17/4/1916	Yes – RFC list
Harvey, F.	Killed in aircraft accident, Palestine, 12/11/1917, with 1 AFC	Yes – AFC list
Holthouse, A.R.	Killed in Action, France, 10/4/1918, while with 42 RFC	Yes – RFC list
Hornabrook, L.C.	Killed in Action, France, 21/5/1918, (having left RFC)	See notes

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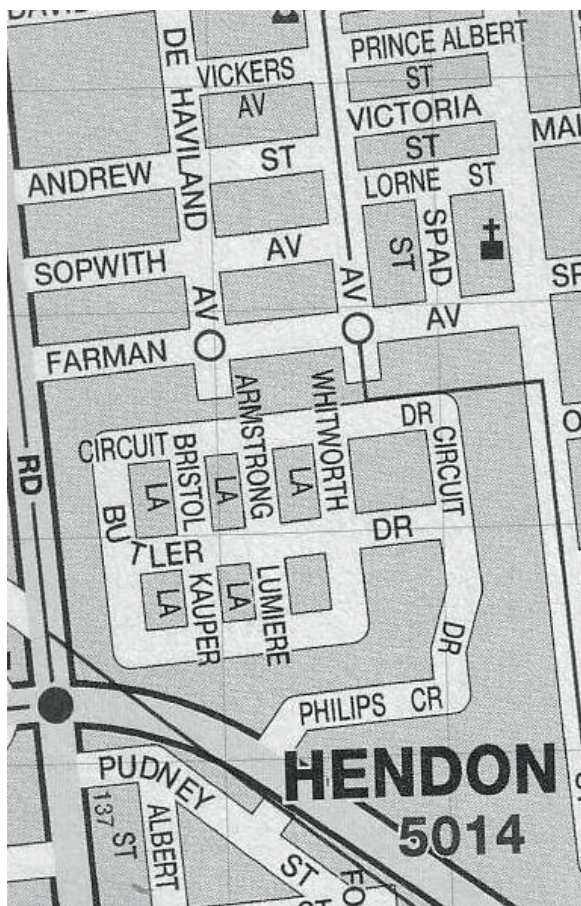
James, B.	Killed in aircraft accident, England, 7/5/1918, with RFC	No
Lawson, P.H.	Killed in Action, France, 6/1/1918, with 2 AFC	Yes – AFC list
Musgrave, H.	Killed in Action, France, 2/6/1918, while with RFC	No
Needham, G.F.J.	Killed in aircraft accident, England, 23/4/1918, with 7AFC TS	Yes – AFC list
Porter, G.A.	Killed in Action, France, 5/12/1915, with 13 RFC	No
Randell, C.L.	Killed in Action, France, 23/8/1917, with 22 RFC	No
Storch, L.A.	Killed in Action, France, 22/4/1918, with 4 AFC	Yes – AFC list
Sutherland, A.D'A.	Killed in aircraft accident, England, 28/2/1917, with RFC	No
Swann, L.K.	Killed in aircraft accident, France, 14/11/1918, with 4 AFC	Yes – AFC list
Symons, P.W.	Killed in Action, France, 6/9/1918, with 4 AFC	Yes – AFC list
Thomson, B.G.	Killed in Action, France, 3/10/1918, with 3 AFC	Yes – AFC list
Turner, R.G.	Killed in aircraft accident, England, 4/5/1917, with RFC	No
Wald, A.	Killed in aircraft accident, England, 11/8/1918, with RFC	No
Warren, H.C.	Killed in aircraft accident, England, 4/4/1917, with 3 AFC	No
West, P.F.	Killed in Action, India, 24/3/1918, with RFC	No

Notes

A total of thirty names are listed above. One, Anderson, is ineligible for inclusion on the North Terrace War Memorial, as he died prior to commencement of hostilities. Eleven are on the AFC list, four are on the RFC list (including one who was serving with the RNAS) and one, Davey (also RNAS), is listed under the RN header. Some thirteen names are not listed in either of these three 'air' categories. One of these, Hornabrook, appears to be ineligible, as he had already been invalided out of the RFC at the time of his death. (Indeed, L.C. Hornabrook is listed in the North Terrace Memorial under the Leicestershire Regiment). Further research is required to confirm if any of the remaining twelve unlisted names may be eligible for entry.

Five further names are listed under AFC on the North Terrace Memorial, but have been excluded from the definition of SA Airmen as applied by this book. These names are: T.S.O. Dealey, R.H. Grove, A.W. Morey (who is mentioned in this book under his brother G.W. Morey's entry), W. Parkes and W.C. Shilcock. They were all born outside of SA, but four of them enlisted in SA.

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A scan from the 2003 Adelaide street directory showing a section of the suburb of Hendon. It was here that Harry Butler and Henry Kauper built an aerodrome in 1919 and formed a commercial aviation company. The company were into liquidation two years later, but the area was named Hendon, after the airport that served London at that time. The aerodrome was subsequently acquired by the Commonwealth and served as Adelaide's main airport for several years during the 1920s until operations began from the Parafield Airport site in 1927. Many of the Hendon street names are aviation-related, and two streets commemorate the individuals that first built the aerodrome there (Butler Drive and Kauper Lane). There is also a Butler Avenue at Parafield Airport.

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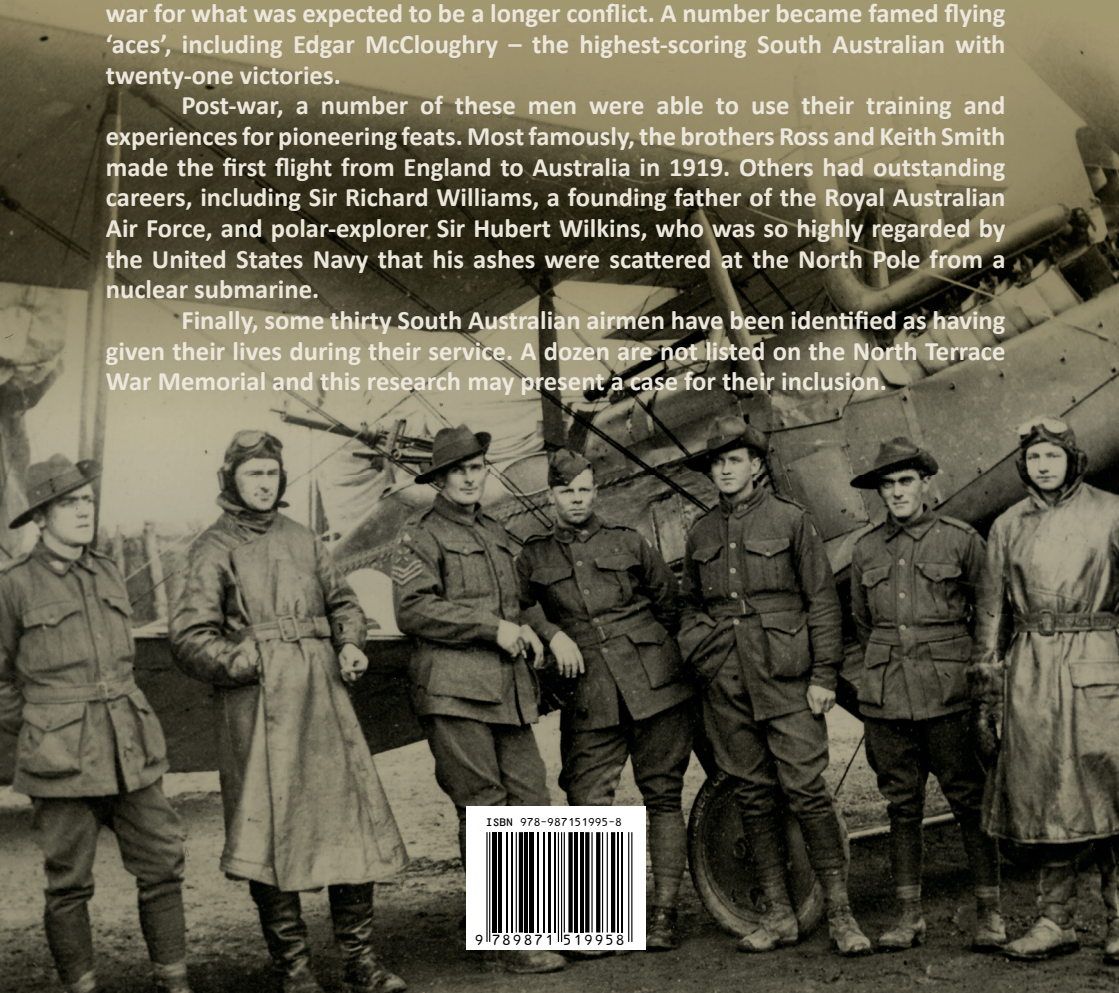
Over four hundred thousand Australians volunteered to serve in the armed forces during the First World War. In recent years all of these records have been digitised and are freely available to researchers. However, aside from the men's names, there is no breakdown by state or service. By identifying over three hundred South Australians who served as airmen during the conflict, this book represents an invaluable resource that would otherwise take an enormous amount of effort to compile.

The key to this research is Adelaide-based author and historian Chas Schaedel. For decades, Chas's passion has been Australian airmen who served in the Great War. In 1972 Chas published the highly acclaimed *Men & Machines of the Australian Flying Corps 1914–1919*. In those days Chas was able to meet or corresponded with many of the airmen veterans. In this way, Chas and his research form a living link to the airmen of that period. The South Australian Aviation Museum is proud to be associated with Chas and collaborate with him to produce this unique Anzac Centenary project publication.

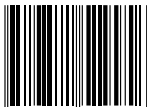
The scope of entries is wide and varied. A few individuals had aviation experience pre-dating the war. Others enlisted and trained in the final year of the war for what was expected to be a longer conflict. A number became famed flying 'aces', including Edgar McCloughry – the highest-scoring South Australian with twenty-one victories.

Post-war, a number of these men were able to use their training and experiences for pioneering feats. Most famously, the brothers Ross and Keith Smith made the first flight from England to Australia in 1919. Others had outstanding careers, including Sir Richard Williams, a founding father of the Royal Australian Air Force, and polar-explorer Sir Hubert Wilkins, who was so highly regarded by the United States Navy that his ashes were scattered at the North Pole from a nuclear submarine.

Finally, some thirty South Australian airmen have been identified as having given their lives during their service. A dozen are not listed on the North Terrace War Memorial and this research may present a case for their inclusion.



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