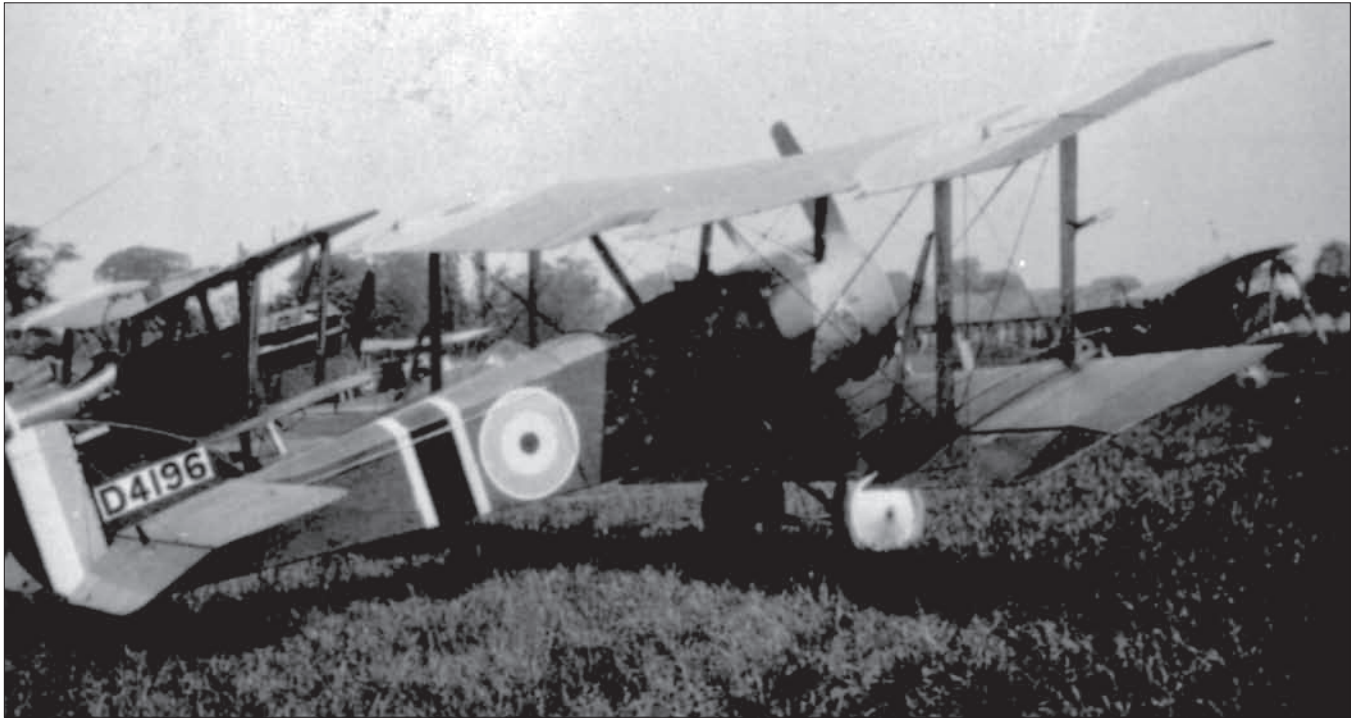


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27 TRAINING SQUADRON 1918

The original 27 TS had been an elementary training unit which had formed at Gosport on 22 May 1916, by re-designating 41 Squadron, and disbanded into the School of Special Flying, at that station, on 2 August 1917. It re-formed at London Colney on 22 March 1918, as a scout training unit equipped with Avro 504Js, Sopwith Pups, SPAD S.VIIs and SE5as. With the large scale adoption of the Training Depot Station system, during the summer of 1918, 27 TS moved northward to Eastburn (Drifffield) on 15 July 1918 and immediately disbanded into 21 TDS. This selection of photographs, taken at London Colney, shows that its machines were distinctively marked with a dark (probably black – darker in tone than the red of the cockades) band, outlined in white, around the rear fuselage.



Whitehead-built Sopwith Pup D4196 was recorded on 27 TS strength by 7 May 1918 and was in standard factory finish, apart from its unit marking, with the manufacturer's characteristic serial presentation on its fin. It was photographed in the company of another Pup, a SE5a and a visiting 39 Sqn Bristol F2B.

Avro 504J B4237 was one of a batch of 150 built by the parent company (a mixture of As and Js) and was photographed after coming to grief on its aerodrome

