

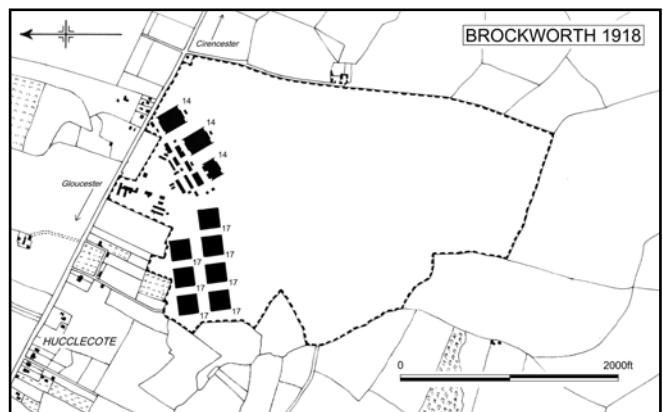
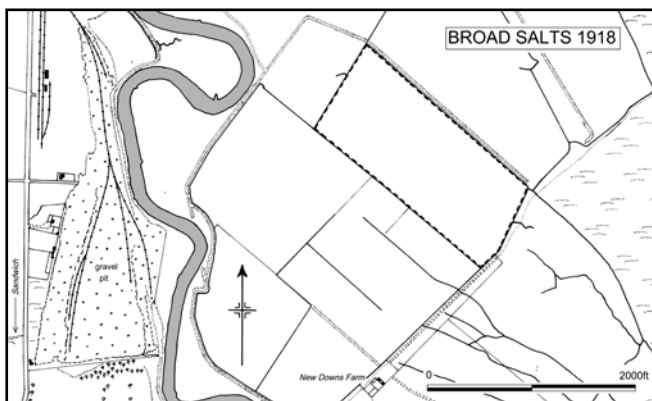
BRISTOL

Bristol, known today by its alternative WW1 name Filton, began life as a training aerodrome, with an approximately linear group of 1915 pattern flight sheds sited in the NW corner and providing accommodation for two units. As an AAP, handling machines from British & Colonial and Parnall, it was later given three triple GS sheds, sited on the eastern boundary. That building work coincided with the addition of a further triple GS shed and a single such unit on the training site. Those latter sheds still survive, as does the small 1915 pattern shed.

BRISTOL

Bristol; photographed from the west in the immediate post-war period. The separation of the training and AAP sites, which came under different commands, is evident.

BRISTOL (Filton)		1 mile from Filton railway station and 5 miles from Bristol railway station			
156/172 : ST 600806 : Gloucestershire (Avon) : 106 acres : 900 x 750 yards : 200 feet amsl.					
Manufacturer's Aerodrome for the British & Colonial Aeroplane Co Ltd (Bristol Aeroplanes Co Ltd) 1910 – continued in service : Training Squadron Station and Aircraft Acceptance Park RFC/RAF 12.1915 – 10.1919 : Mobilisation Station (for one Service Squadron) RAF 1918 : Relinquishment notified 5.2.1920.					
Thirteen 1917 pattern GS Sheds, 170 x 80 feet, as one single and four triple units, plus four 1915 pattern Flight Sheds, 210 x 65 feet, plus one 1915 pattern Flight Shed, 140 x 65 feet.					
20 Sqn	15.12.1915	from	Netheravon	16.1.1916	to St Omer for Clairmarais (F)
33 Sqn A Flt (for HD)	12.1.1916		formed with nucleus ex 20 Sqn	2.1916	Coal Aston
33 Sqn HQ and B Flt	12.1.1916		formed with nucleus ex 20 Sqn	29.3.1916	Bramham Moor for HD
42 Sqn	1.4.1916		Netheravon	8.8.1916	St Omer for Bailleul (F)
19 Sqn	29.3.1916		Netheravon	30.7.1916	St Omer for Fienvillers (F)
66 Sqn	24.6.1916		formed with nucleus ex 19 Sqn	2.7.1916	Netheravon
66 Sqn	27.7.1916		Netheravon	3.3.1917	St Omer for Vert Galant (F)
62 Sqn	8.8.1916		Netheravon	17.7.1917	Rendcomb
21st Wing HQ*	9.8.1916		formed	2.9.1916	Cirencester*
55 RS	15.11.1916		formed with nucleus ex 66 Sqn	22.11.1916	Yatesbury
51 RS	30.12.1916		formed with nucleus ex 62 Sqn	8.1.1917	Wye
35 RS	1.2.1917		formed	16.2.1917	Northolt
Aircraft Acceptance Park	1917		formed	12.10.1917	re-designated 5 (Bristol) AAP
5 (Bristol) Aircraft Acceptance Park	12.10.1917		formed from existing AAP	1919	Eastleigh
121 Sqn	10.8.1918		Narborough	17.8.1918	disbanded
101 Sqn cadre*	18.3.1919		Laneffe (F)	11.10.1919	Eastleigh
Notes – 5 (Bristol) AAP handled Bristol F2B from the Bristol Aeroplane Co Ltd and the Gloucestershire Aircraft Co Ltd, DH9 from Westland Aircraft and DH9A from the Whitehead Aircraft Co. It was listed as a 2 Section park with 2 Storage Sections : 160 Sqn was scheduled to form on 20.9.1918 and 121 Sqn scheduled to re-form at Bristol on 14.10.1918 but neither materialised. The GS sheds on the northern boundary survive today, as does the smaller 1915 pattern flight shed.					
4th Wing from 12.11.1916 : 1 (AA) Group from 16.10.1917 – 11.1.1918 : 11 Group, 2 Area 1.4.1918 – 8.5.1918 : 11 Group, SW Area 8.5.1918 – 16.9.1918					
7 Group, SW Area from 16.9.1918					



BROAD SALTS

Again named after a farm, Broad Salts occupied a salt marsh site near Sandwich and, as such was prone to flooding. The NLG was surrounded by drainage ditches and sea walls.

BROCKWORTH

Later to become the home of the Gloster company and re-named Hucclecote, Brockworth functioned as a storage AAP during WW1. The storage area, made available by the standard 21 HP sheds, is apparent. Although the WW1 buildings have been demolished, the base of the more northerly coupled GS shed still existed until recently.

BROAD SALTS	
173/179 : TR 345594 : Kent : 700 x 400 yards : 10 feet amsl.	
HD NLG 2nd for 50 (HD) Sqn RFC/RAF 10.1916 – autumn 1918.	
Eastern Group Command, VI Brigade 1.1918 : 53rd Wing, HD Group, SE Area, VI Brigade 1918	