

THE RFC WITH THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

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THE RFC IN THE FIELD had been strengthened with the arrival of 7 and 8 Squadrons. Bleriot and Henri Farmans had been withdrawn and the BE2c was becoming established. New types, the RE5 and FE2a, were introduced and there was increased use of the Vickers FB5 and Morane Type L. The quarterly returns contain a few anomalies: 2 Squadron's 396 and 492 had previously been listed as BE2as but were shown in the June return as BE2bs; that same return showed all of 4 Squadron's BEs as BE2as and 314 was noted as having arrived from England on 16.8.1914, when the previous return had it going to the Aircraft Park and being re-issued on 11.3.1915; BE2b 484 was shown as being on 6 Squadron's books at the end of the previous quarter but wasn't entered on those for June; the 7 Squadron return did not include the Voisins it had received from 1 AP.

A table accompanied the June returns and showed the life expectancy of each type. The growing preference for the BE2c was, perhaps, justified by its average 120 day life compared with 70 days for the Avro, RE5, Vickers and Maurice Farman and only 60 days for the Morane.

The Aircraft Park at St Omer had been re-designated as the 1st Aircraft Park with the formation of a second such unit in England and the anticipated formation of the 3rd Aircraft Park at Candas.

1 SQUADRON

	From	To
BE8		
740	1 AP 3.6.15	8 Sqn 8.6.15
2130	England 7.3.15	8 Sqn 8.6.15
2131	England 7.3.15	Struck off 10.5.15
Avro		
752	England 7.3.15	
754	England 7.3.15	Struck off 24.4.15
756	England 21.3.15	1 AP 21.4.15
757	England 13.3.15	Struck off 15.4.15
758	1 AP 9.6.15	
769	1 AP 20.5.15	
773	1 AP 29.5.15	
774	1 AP 22.5.15	Struck off 9.6.15
2859 (1007)	England 7.3.15	
2860(1008)	England 7.3.15	Struck off 5.4.15
4223	England 24.5.15	
Martinsyde		
748	AP 15.3.15	
Caudron		
1884	Paris 27.3.15	
1885	Paris 27.3.15	
1891	Paris 10.4.15	
1895	Paris 14.4.15	Struck off 31.5.15
Morane		
1855	3 Sqn 10.4.15	
1894	1 AP 14.4.15	
1897	1 AP 23.4.15	
5006	1 AP 10.5.15	
Bristol		
1602	England 15.5.15	

2 SQUADRON



	From	To
BE2a		
336	AP 19.3.15	
383	England 14.8.14	1 AP 11.5.15
385	England 14.8.14	1 AP 24.5.15
BE2b		
396	Before 3.11.14	
492	6 Sqn 31.1.15	
666	England 31.1.15	
687	England 31.1.15	1 AP 30.6.15
BE2c		
1652	9 Sqn 13.2.15	
1657	England 21.3.15	
1659	England 17.4.15	
1660	England 1.3.15	
1662	England 5.3.15	
1669	1 AP 20.6.15	
1687	England 11.5.15	

3 SQUADRON

	From	To
Bleriot		
1811	AP 18.11.14	Struck off 10.6.15
Morane		
1849	Paris 18.1.15	
1855	Paris 1.2.15	1 Sqn 10.4.15
1859	Paris 8.2.15	1 AP 10.5.15
1862	Paris 16.2.15	
1863	Paris 16.2.15	1 AP 6.5.15
1866	Paris 21.2.15	
1870	Paris 6.3.15	
1872	Paris 10.3.15	Struck off 10.5.15
1873	Paris 15.3.15	
1874	Paris 15.3.15	
1875	Paris 15.3.15	
1878	Paris 18.3.15	1 AP 12.4.15
1880	Paris 20.3.15	Struck off 25.5.15
1881	Paris 22.3.15	
1882	1 AP 12.4.15	1 AP 18.6.15
1888	1 AP 10.4.15	Struck off 10.5.15
1896	1 AP 15.5.15	1 AP 29.5.15
5002	1 AP 11.5.15	Struck off 28.5.15
5005	1 AP 10.5.15	Struck off 15.5.15
5007	1 AP 25.5.15	
5021	Paris 29.5.15	
5022	Paris 31.5.15	Struck off 19.6.15
5025	1 AP 18.6.15	
5029	Paris 20.6.15	Struck off 23.6.15
5033	Paris 26.6.15	

4 SQUADRON



	From	To
BE2a		
234	1 AP 30.4.15	
299	1 AP 26.3.15	AP 23.5.15
314	England 16.8.14	
493	1 AP 13.4.15	
BE2b		
705	England 10.2.15	
746	England 29.1.15	
BE2c		
1655	8 Sqn 18.4.15	Struck off 4.6.15
1668	England 1.4.15	
1669	England 9.4.15	1 AP 28.4.15
1678	1 AP 20.6.15	