

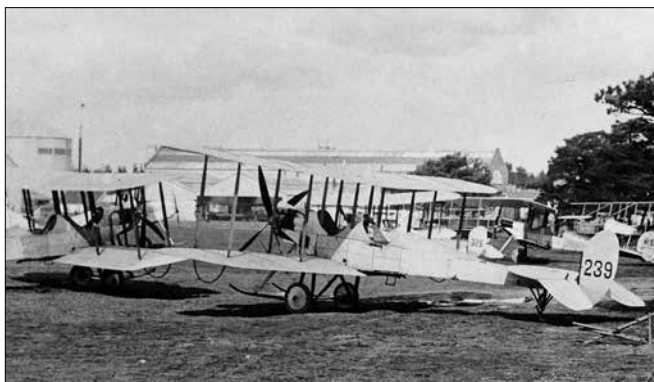
THE RFC WITH THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE

These tabulations are based on TNA File Air1/906/204/5/797 which provides quarterly returns for RFC units in France, 1915-1916, noting machines on charge and those struck off strength during the previous quarter. It is intended to reproduce these in order to show the RFC's strength and build-up over the period.

The RFC contingent at the beginning of 1915 comprised the original four squadrons of the British Expeditionary Force, Nos 2, 3, 4 and 5, plus 6 Squadron, which arrived on 8 October 1914, and 9 Squadron, which had formed in December 1914 from the HQ WT Flight, a unit that had also formed in France.

The tables show the relatively low establishments of the squadrons at that time, with an average of eight machines per unit. They also suggest that certain types of machine were less suitable for operations in the field than others. Bleriot and Henri Farman, for example, had a disproportional wastage rate.

2 SQUADRON



	From	To
BE2a		
231	HQ WT Flt 20.10.14 AP 14.12.14	AP 4.11.14
232	England 14.8.14	Struck off 15.11.14
233	England 14.8.14	AP 5.11.14
236	England 14.8.14	AP 16.10.14
239	England 14.8.14	Struck off 1.9.14
327	England 14.8.14	Struck off 21.8.14
368	England 14.8.14	HQ WT Flt 1.10.14
372	England 14.8.14	Struck off 28.8.14
383	England 14.8.14	
384	England 14.8.14	Struck off 12.9.14
385	England 14.8.14	
396	Before 3.11.14	
468	England 14.8.14	AP 16.10.14
471	England 14.8.14	Struck off 9.9.14
622	Before 3.11.14	28.12.14
BE2b		
650	Before 3.11.14	Struck off 8.11.14
666	18.11.14	
687	Before 14.11.14	
BE2c		
1807	AP 2.9.14	England 24.12.14
RE1		
608	AP 23.8.14	Struck off 1.9.14
RE5		
380	England via AP 1.11.14	Wrecked 14.12.14
613	England 27.9.14	AP wrecked 1.10.14
651	England 27.9.14	
659	England 27.9.14	28.12.14
660	England 27.9.14	Wrecked 15.10.14

3 SQUADRON



	From	To
Bleriot		
292	England 14.8.14	Wrecked 9.10.14
296	England 14.8.14 AP 23.9.14	AP 18.8.14 AP 29.9.14
388	England 14.8.14	AP 1.9.14
389	England 14.8.14	Wrecked 27.8.14
473	England 14.8.14	AP 19.10.14
606	England 14.8.14	Wrecked 28.8.14
616	England 14.8.14	
681	AP 9.10.14 England 21.12.14	AP 18.11.14 Wrecked 26.12.14
694	AP 17.10.14	AP 15.11.14
1806	Paris 6.9.14	AP 18.11.14
1809	Paris 6.9.14	Wrecked 9.9.14
1810	Paris 9.9.14	AP 16.10.14
1811	Paris 10.9.14 AP 18.11.14	AP 13.9.14
1812	Paris 10.9.14	AP 29.9.14
1816	21.9.14	Wrecked 24.12.14
1819	Paris 29.9.14	AP 18.11.14
1820	Paris 29.9.14	Wrecked 19.10.14
1825	Paris 3.11.14	
1831	AP 23.10.14	AP 30.10.14
1832	AP 22.10.14	
1833	AP 21.10.14	
1835	AP 21.10.14	AP 20.11.14
1836	Paris 28.10.14	Wrecked 22.11.14
1837	Paris 31.10.14	? before 16.12.14
1838	Paris 31.10.14	
BE8		
625	AP 14.8.14	Wrecked 16.8.14
475	England 1.9.14	Missing 8.9.14
Sopwith		
387	England 24.8.14	Wrecked 2.9.14
611	England 24.8.14	Wrecked 3.9.14
H. Farman		
274	England 14.8.14	Wrecked 19.9.14
295	England 14.8.14	Wrecked 27.8.14
351	England 14.8.14	AP 20.11.14
352	England 14.8.14	Wrecked 12.9.14
No serial		
1805	Paris 1.9.14	Wrecked 2.9.14
1813	Paris 12.9.14	Missing 12.9.14
1817	Paris 23.9.14	Wrecked 8.12.14
1821	Paris 30.9.14	Wrecked before 14.12.14
1835	AP 21.10.14	Wrecked 21.10.14
Bristol		
648	AP 28.9.14	AP 25.11.14
SE2		
609	England 27.10.14 AP 18.11.14	AP 31.10.14
Avro		
692	England 27.10.14	Wrecked 22.11.14
715	England 18.11.14	
716	England 21.11.14	30.12.14
Morane		
1829	Paris 2.12.14	Wrecked 9.12.14
1843	Paris 24.12.14	
1845	Paris 26.12.14	