



Durrington

MILITARY AVIATION CAMPS

A military aviation camp is to be formed at Ox Farm, Choulston, near Netheravon, adjoining the permanent barracks now in the course of erection, for Nos. 2 and 3 Squadrons Royal Flying Corps. The camp is to be opened from April 1 until the end of August, and will be occupied by No. 2 Squadron from South Farnborough.

Another aviation camp will also be opened on Salisbury Plain on the 1st prox., when No. 3 Squadron will go under canvas at Durrington.

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THE MILITARY AIR SERVICE

CONCENTRATION CAMP AT NETHERAVON

The concentration camp of the Military Wing of the Royal Flying Corps at Netheravon, which opens to-morrow, is now complete with the exception of a few aeroplanes belonging to headquarters, South Farnborough, which will be flown over early in the week. The mobilized squadrons comprise Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. Each of the five squadrons will have 12 biplanes in use, with at least three in reserve.

The Durrington camp is not now to be used, everything being concentrated at Netheravon, where some hundreds of yards of canvas hangars have been erected in prolongation of the permanent buildings. The mechanical transports of the visiting squadrons from Montrose and South Farnborough are parked in orderly assembly in rear of the hangars ready to follow the flights of their squadrons. The aircraft park is present with a view to continuing experiments with wireless telegraphy and signaling, for which purpose several balloons will be used. So far the balloon can receive wireless messages, but is not capable of transmitting them. Leave has been given over the Bank Holiday, and squadron training begins on Tuesday. Flying on an extended scale, however, is not probable until Wednesday, and then only in early morning. Most of the air work, it is expected, will be done in the mornings, and evening flights will be few. This will give time for rest and recreation.

Inter-squadron sports are to be held on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons as a relief from the strenuous work of flying. No date has so far been fixed for the King's visit.

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