

**A FINE 1918 -1919 RAF PHOTO ALBUM WITH MANY AIRCRAFT, RAF, WRAF, RAF MOTOR TRANSPORT AND AERODROME SHOTS**



This hardbound album, containing 179 photographs belonged to an ex Royal Flying Corps Sergeant, the subject of which being he service in the newly formed Royal Air Force, based at RAF Ternhill, Market Drayton, Shropshire. The vast majority of photos are WW1 aviation related; it includes a large number of personnel in uniform, aircraft, airfields, equipment, aerial shots etc. As can be seen in the main image, there are couple of loose large photos, one of the owner of the album and another fantastic shot of him with group of other RAF Sergeants showing a variety of insignia. Additionally there is also a blank sheet of embossed headed writing paper inside the rear cover which is for the 'Sergeants' Mess, Royal Air force, Ternhill, Market Drayton'.

What is particularly nice about this album is that there are many superb and detailed shots of everything you could think of to do with an air base of this time, many of which you don't often see in such albums as this belonged to a member of the ground crew. There are some great shots of RAF transport, ambulances, hangers, quarters, shots inside and out of buildings at the aerodrome, lots of shots of the owner of the album and other RAF personnel and lots of photos of Women's Royal Air Force personnel, or WRAF's, also based at Ternhill. Interestingly, uniforms show different insignia being worn, with a mix of old Royal Flying Corps and post April 1918 RAF badges. As the album covers the period from roughly the formation of the RAF, until into 1919, it shows just how little uniform and insignia standardisation there was pre 1920. Aircraft wise, some fantastic shots of Handley Page bombers, Avro 504 trainers, Sopwith Camel, DH9 etc The pictures in the PDF should give a better idea of content

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