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CI AQUILAE IN 1917

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The 1917 outburst of CI Aquilae, a possible nova, is known from a single observation (Reinmuth 1925). The maximum of the current outburst was much brighter than Reinmuth's estimate of approximately magnitude 11 ptg (blue). To obtain a more complete record of the 1917 event, I examined the Harvard College Observatory patrol plates for the year 1917. The following estimates were made using Tycho B magnitudes for nearby comparison stars.

HJD (2421000 +)	Mag. (BT)
364.749	<10.5
366.805	10.0
368.768	8.6
369.730	8.6
374.786	9.6
379.733	9.9
393.754	11.3
397.751	11.5
403.722	11.7

CI Aql was invisible, fainter than 10.5 and usually less than 11.4, for all earlier and later dates during 1917.

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