

141st AERO SQUADRON

Pursuit

LINEAGE

141st Aero Squadron organized, Oct 1917
Demobilized, Jul 1919

STATIONS

Rockwell Field, NY
Garden City, NY, Jan 1918
Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, NY, Jan 1918
AEF, Jan 1918
Hazelhurst Field, NY

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

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Type: Service (Pursuit)

Service Period: February 8 to August 8, 1918

Locations: Dover (Swingate Downs), Hounslow, Northolt,

To France from Flower Down Camp on August 15 where it served as the 141 Pursuit Squadron.

One Hundred Forty-first: Insignia: Great Bengal tiger playing with a German helmet and iron cross. The One Hundred Forty-first Aero Squadron was a pursuit squadron. It was assigned to the Fourth Pursuit Group, Second Army, on October 18, 1918, and the next day reached the Front at Toul. This squadron was engaged in the Argonne-Meuse first and second offensives. It accomplished many patrols and war missions into German territory, gaining a great deal of valuable military information. It received official confirmation for bringing down two enemy aircraft. The squadron suffered no casualties before the Armistice and ceased operations May 11, 1919.

The late General Sherman once expressed an opinion concerning war that met with neither refutation nor opposition for more than fifty years. In fact, during the last four years more than half the civilized population of the world and several Germans had come to accept the late General's observation as gospel, and the General himself as the original, great and only prophet of clear and penetrating vision. But the late General Sherman departed our midst before the 141st Aero Squadron was formed at Rockwell Field, San Diego, California, October 8th, 1917, and, therefore, unfortunately never had the opportunity of serving with the 141st.

The 141st, too, was unfortunate not reciprocally for failing to secure the services of the late General, but because more than a year elapsed from the date of the squadron's formation to the time it began operating at the Front, October 23rd, 1918.

From its base at Toul the 141st Spent 174 hours and 35 minutes patrolling over Jerry's lines in the St. Mihiel sector and "Thumped" into the hereafter two of his machines with their crews; then the armistice was signed. Had General Sherman been a good fast K.P., or even a Pilot of the 141st Squadron, what would he have said about the dastardly trick of signing armistices? The 141st had just arrived upon the scene and had just begun to inscribe its name in the Kaiser's family bible when its potentially glorious career was abortively terminated by the armistice. Armistices are—! We leave it to you to go Sherman one better.

It were better to end this writing here and now than to compound this felony with elucidation of that part of our career spent not at the Front, but history is demanded of us, hence we prolong the agony. Anything replete with dates is history, we take it, and the dryer the better. A concoction of dates is called history and is crammed into the school-boy's cranium to exercise his brain:

Entrained, San Diego for New York, January 2nd, 1918

Embarked, New York for Southampton, January 15th, 1918

Arrived, Winchester, England, January 31st 1918.

Reclassified and divided into three Flights : A, B and C, at Winchester, England.

A Flight went to Dower

B Flight, to Hounslow

C Flight to Northolt, England

On May 1st the 141st was reorganized at Dover, England

Then, till August 8th the 141st trained at Dover, England

And on August 16th the 141st went to Le Elavre, France

While on August 20th it went to St. Maixent, France

From whence it went to Romorantin

Then to Colombey-les-Belles

Where it got its first machines

Then moved to Toul Field, October 19, 1918

Then went to war

And after the war

Went Home

269 SQUADRON ACTIVATED JEFFERSON BARRACKS, SAINT LOUIS MO. TRAINED AS SERVICE, REPAIR SQUADRON AT CAMP CUSTER, BATTLE CREEK MI AND GERSTNER FIELD, LAKE CHARLES LA. TRAINED ON THOMAS MORSE SCOUT AIRCRAFT AND CURTIS JN-4 AIRCRAFT. EMBARKED FOR FRANCE. ARRIVED FIRST AIR DEPOT, FOLCOMBRY LES BELLES, FRANCE, AND BECAME OPERATIONAL. SQUADRON BROKEN UP WITH PERSONNEL VARIOUSLY ASSIGNED. 875 SQUADRON ACTIVATED AS SERVICE, REPAIR SQUADRON, FIRST AIR DEPOT, ZONE OF ADVANCE, AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES, FRANCE, BEING DERIVED FROM FIVE OTHER SQUADRONS THEN AT FIRST AIR DEPOT. 141 AERO SQUADRON ACTIVATED AT ROCKWELL FIELD, SAN DIEGO CA. CONDUCTED OVERSEAS MOVEMENT TO ENGLAND WHERE PERSONNEL TRAINED ON AVRO AIRCRAFT AND SOPWITH CAMEL AIRCRAFT IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS. CONDUCTED MOVEMENT TO SAINT MAIXANT, FRANCE, THENCE TO ROMORANTIN, FRANCE, THENCE TO COLOMBEY LES BELLES, FRANCE. CONDUCTED MOVEMENT TO GENGAULT AIRFIELD, FRANCE, BECAME OPERATIONAL WITH FOURTH PURSUIT GROUP EQUIPPED WITH SPAD TYPE VII AIRCRAFT. CREDITED WITH 2 AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN. SERVED WITH OCCUPATION FORCES. INCLUDES ROSTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

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