

185 AERO SQUADRON



MISSION

Night Pursuit

LINEAGE

185 Aero Squadron (Night Pursuit) organized, Nov 1917
Demobilized, Jun 1919

STATIONS

Kelly Field, TX
Garden City, NY, Jan 1918
Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, NY, Jan 1918
AEF, Jan 1918
Mitchel Field, NY

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

Service Period: March 28 to August 7, 1918

Locations: Hooton Park, Tern Hill

On August 11, moved from Flower Do\VU Camp to France where it operated as the 185 Pursuit Squadron.

It was assigned to the First Pursuit Group, First Army, October 5, 1918, and reached the Front at Rembercourt, three days later. It participated in the Argonne-Meuse first and second offensives. The squadron accomplished several night patrols into Germany, suffered only one casualty, one pilot being taken prisoner, and never received confirmation for any victories. It ceased operations on April 10, 1919.

12 Nov 1917 185th Aero Squadron organized at Kelly Field, Texas, from volunteers and by transfer of enlisted men from other units at that station.

31 Jan 1918 185th - Sailed from New York City, New York, for Liverpool, England, aboard Adriatic.

7 Oct 1918 185th - This squadron was organized as a night flying pursuit squadron and assigned to the First Pursuit Group with the specific duty of maintaining a barrage against night flying enemy bombardment planes. Captain Seth Low as Commanding Officer reported to the Commanding Officer, First Pursuit Group, for assignment, The squadron was equipped with Sopwith Camels and Monosoupape engines.

19 Oct 1918. 185th - First Lieutenants Elihu H. Kelton and Percival T. Gates, transferred from 27th Squadron; First Lieutenant George G. Waters transferred from 147th Squadron and 2nd Lieutenant Byron B. Norris transferred from 94th Squadron, and assigned.

27 Oct 1918 185th - 1st Lieutenant George A. Ewing, Jr. , Cavalry, killed in airplane accident near Verdun.

17 Nov 1918 185th - 2nd Lieutenant Chester R. Tutein killed in airplane accident near Verdun.

1 Nov 1918 185th - Squadron bombed woods at Dun-sur-Meuse and Bridge at Sassey-sur-Meuse 5:25 inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy forces.

2 Nov 1918 185th - Bombed bridge at Surrey-sur-Meuse.

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Sources

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