

213th AERO SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

213th Aero Squadron organized, 1 Dec 1917

Redesignated, 213th Aero Squadron (Pursuit), 23 Jul 1918

Demobilized, 30 June 1919

STATIONS

Kelly Field, TX, 1 Dec 1917

Aviation Concentration Center, Garden City, NY, 7 Jan 1918

Port of Entry, Hoboken, NJ

Winchester, England, Feb 1918

RFC Ayre, Scotland, 20 Feb 1918

Winchester, England, 15 Jun 1918

Saint Maixent, France, 29 Jun 1918

Issoudun, France, 23 Jul 1918

Vaucouleure, France, 26 Jul 1918

Lisle-en-Barrois, France, 20 Sep 1918

Foucaucourt, France, 6 Nov 1918

Colombey-les-Belles, France, 29 Jan 1919

Brest, France, 22 May 1919

Hazelhurst Field, NY, 11–30 June 1919

ASSIGNMENTS

Post Headquarters, Kelly Field, 1 Dec 1917

Aviation Concentration Center, 7 Jan 1918

Air Service Headquarters, AEF

3rd Air Instruction Center, 23 Jul 1918

3rd Pursuit Group, 26 Jul 1918

1st Air Depot, 29 Jan 1919
Commanding General, Services of Supply, Feb–May 1919
Eastern Department, 10–30 Jun 1919

ATTACHMENTS

Royal Flying Corps for training, 20 Feb-28 Jun 1918

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

1st Lt. John A. Hambleton

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Toul Sector
St. Mihiel Offensive
Meuse-Argonne Offensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Squadron was aboard the SS Tuscania when it was sunk. Did not submit a unit history. Moved to France on an unspecified date in July and served there as the 213 Pursuit Squadron.

The Two Hundred Thirteenth Squadron was a pursuit squadron. It was assigned to the First Army on August 4, 1918, having reached the Front at Vaucouleurs July 26, preceding. It was engaged in operations in the Toul Sector, at St. Mihiel and in the Argonne first and second offensives. This squadron made 148 raids into German territory, fought 38 combats and received official confirmation for 16 victories. It suffered 10 casualties, consisting of 2 killed, 3 wounded, 4 taken prisoners and 1 missing. It ceased operations on April 10, 1919. The casualty count does not include the 6 soldiers of the 213th Aero Squadron that were killed as a result of enemy action against the troopship Tuscania.

The squadron was assigned as a Day Pursuit (Fighter) Squadron as part of the 3d Pursuit Group,

First United States Army. Its mission was to engage and clear enemy aircraft from the skies and provide escort to reconnaissance and bombardment squadrons over enemy territory. It also attacked enemy observation balloons, and perform close air support and tactical bombing attacks of enemy forces along the front lines. After the 1918 Armistice with Germany, the squadron returned to the United States in June 1919 and was demobilized.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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