

215th AERO SQUADRON

LINEAGE

STATIONS

March, CA 29 Apr -18 Nov 1918

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Lt Joseph H. Thompson

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

Toward the end of the construction period, base facilities were well enough established that additional military personnel could be supported. On the morning of April 29, 1918, the 215th Aero Squadron entrained from San Diego, having been organized as a service squadron at Rockwell. First Lieutenant Joseph H. Thompson was in command. Upon arrival at March, there was nothing but work for this group of men, but they performed their duties without complaint. Trainloads of equipment arrived almost daily for the next six weeks. Early in June, the 68th Aero Squadron appeared on the scene followed closely by the 289th, 293rd, and 311th Aero Squadrons. In July, when actual all-out cadet training began, these five training squadrons were redesignated B, A, C, D, and E respectively. With the construction phase ended, Captain Carruthers was transferred and

replaced by Major John C. P. Bartholf on 11 June as post commander and commandant of the flying school. He remained in those positions until July 1919.

Air Force Order of Battle

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