

246th AERO SQUADRON

The first troops assigned to McCook arrived in Dayton on November 14, 1917. The 246th Aero Squadron from Kelly Field, Texas, consisted of 90 men and was stationed at McCook to perform both guard duty and fire patrol. The squadron's arrival gave a certain military air to the new engineering and experimentation facility. A letter from McCook Field in 1918 indicates that a number of these troops spent their first year at the new field in tents until sufficient barracks could be constructed. The letter noted that permanent indoor living space "was badly needed on account of the sickness among the soldiers at McCook Field."

There were two military support units at McCook during 1918. The 246th Aero Squadron, previously mentioned, had arrived in November 1917. On January 9, 1918, it was redesignated the 807th Aero Squadron. On July 1, 1918, the 881st Aero Squadron was organized at McCook. On July 12th, the squadrons were further designated as Squadron A (807th) and Squadron B (881st). On August 1, 1918, the two squadrons were merged into "Detachment No. 10, A.S.A.P." Organizational changes within the Air Service were frequent in 1918 to conform to changing mission responsibilities. It was a tribute to the dedicated personnel at McCook Field that work continued in spite of the frequent disruptions.

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STATIONS

ASSIGNMENTS

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ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

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Service Streamers

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Decorations

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EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

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OPERATIONS

Air Force Order of Battle

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