

263rd AERO SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

263rd Aero Squadron organized, Feb 1918
Demobilized, Dec 1918

STATIONS

Scott Field, IL
Garden City, NY, Jul 1918
Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, NY, Jul 1918
AEF, Jul 1918
Garden City, NY

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

261st AERO SQUADRON. 262nd AERO SQUADRON 263rd AERO SQUADRON With the morning of February 7, came 450 recruits from Camp Grant, Illinois, who later formed the personnel of these three squadrons. No quarters being available to house the entire complement, the 262nd, in command of 1st Lieut. Walter A. Lorah, were placed in Hangar No. 10. Coming from an Infantry training camp, they showed the effect of disciplinary drill and were quite a contrast to the other squadrons. The members of the 261st, in command of 2nd Lieut. B. R. Kuss, were the first of the three to be enrolled in the Mechanics' Training School. Having received the necessary training, they were organized on a service basis and ordered out in March. The 262nd and 263rd, the latter in command of 1st Lieut. Wendell H. Kindred, maintained the flying field up to the time of their departure for England early in July.

Other types of instruction developed apace with the flight-training program. Month after month aero squadrons received instruction and practical training in the various jobs related to the actual operations of a combat flying squadron. The 11th and 21st Aero Squadrons left the field before the end of 1917; the 86th departed in mid-February, followed by the 85th, 154th, and 222d, while the 155th, 261st, and 262d, and 263d remained until March.

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