

269th AERO SQUADRON

LINEAGE

Organized Feb 1918
Demobilized Jul 1919

STATIONS

Gerstner Field, LA
Garden City, NY, Jul 1918
Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, NY, Aug 1918
AEF, Aug 1918
Mitchel Field, NY

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

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OPERATIONS

Between December 15 and April 1, flying ceased at Chanute Field, and all instructors and students were transferred to southern camps to continue training during the winter months. Instruction of ground crews and administrative personnel from various aero squadrons continued as before. The training planes, though unused, were serviced and maintained by student mechanics, riggers, and electricians just as they had been during the busy flying season. Early in January, the 153d and 210th Aero Squadrons received orders to prepare for overseas shipment, and two more squadrons left the Kelly Field depot to train at Rantoul. Before the end of that month, all but the 38th, the headquarters squadron, were alerted for shipment. In spite of the

steady drain of units and personnel, the number of men at the field did not fall below 500. After the 83d, 268th, and 269th Aero Squadrons were organized in February and were followed to Chanute by the 831st and 832d Squadrons, the field reached its capacity of 1,500 men. In mid-March, the 83d Squadron, composed mostly of local recruits, reported to Langley Field, Virginia, to serve as school squadron; a new unit, the 203d Squadron, was recruited and organized to fill the vacancy. During the wartime program, 19 squadrons received training at the field; of this number, 12 served overseas, 10 in Europe.

269 SQUADRON ACTIVATED JEFFERSON BARRACKS, SAINT LOUIS MO. TRAINED AS SERVICE, REPAIR SQUADRON AT CAMP CUSTER, BATTLE CREEK MI AND GERSTNER FIELD, LAKE CHARLES LA. TRAINED ON THOMAS MORSE SCOUT AIRCRAFT AND CURTIS JN-4 AIRCRAFT. EMBARKED FOR FRANCE. ARRIVED FIRST AIR DEPOT, FOLCOMBRY LES BELLES, FRANCE, AND BECAME OPERATIONAL. SQUADRON BROKEN UP WITH PERSONNEL VARIOUSLY ASSIGNED. 875 SQUADRON ACTIVATED AS SERVICE, REPAIR SQUADRON, FIRST AIR DEPOT, ZONE OF ADVANCE, AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES, FRANCE, BEING DERIVED FROM FIVE OTHER SQUADRONS THEN AT FIRST AIR DEPOT. 141 AERO SQUADRON ACTIVATED AT ROCKWELL FIELD, SAN DIEGO CA. CONDUCTED OVERSEAS MOVEMENT TO ENGLAND WHERE PERSONNEL TRAINED ON AVRO AIRCRAFT AND SOPWITH CAMEL AIRCRAFT IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS. CONDUCTED MOVEMENT TO SAINT MAIXANT, FRANCE, THENCE TO ROMORANTIN, FRANCE, THENCE TO COLOMBEY LES BELLES, FRANCE. CONDUCTED MOVEMENT TO GENGAULT AIRFIELD, FRANCE, BECAME OPERATIONAL WITH FOURTH PURSUIT GROUP EQUIPPED WITH SPAD TYPE VII AIRCRAFT. CREDITED WITH 2 AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN. SERVED WITH OCCUPATION FORCES. INCLUDES ROSTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

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