

## 354<sup>th</sup> AERO SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

354<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron  
Organized, Jan 1918  
Demobilized, Jul 1919

### STATIONS

Kelly Field, TX  
Waco, TX, Mar 1918  
Taliaferro Field, #1, TX, Apr 1918  
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**

#### **EMBLEM**

#### **MOTTO**

#### **NICKNAME**

#### **OPERATIONS**

Jan. 28th, 1918. Kelly Field—clan forms of bill board readers from all parts of the country. Labeled 354th Aero Squadron. Someone lies. We train—as doughboys and ditch-diggers.

Feb. 7th. Quarantine house-party begins—play catching the measles. Someone spreads the germs of an esprit de corps which sticks with us when our money doesn't.

21 Feb Party called off—move to "Kelly Three"—a concentration camp. K. P.s requisitioned to write up reports and other paper work; well men sent to Base Hospital; sick ones put on fatigue.

1 Mar Big day—Squadron receives its first non-coms.

21 Mar Leave Kelly Field for Waco, Texas—usual dough-boy stuff— wigwagging introduced which affords a fine opportunity to make comments on the passing "chickens", sans leur connaissance,

27 Apr Orders to Taliaferro Field, Hicks, Texas—(only town in the state that resembles its name).

1 May A real big day—assigned to work on ships—fatigue forgotten for ten days—a few men crash and home papers give the event a column on the front page.

July 9th Scenes of much packing and looking over love-letters before burning them, for orders for Garden City are on hand.

July 12th March in column of squads through streets of Buffalo to Y. M. C. A. to take a bath. (Note—this is not the only bath we had while in the army).

July 25th Garden City—orders for all to remain in camp— it was taken as a sure sign of "going over". This was only a rumor started by some good scout to give us a chance to kiss the girls again.

16 Aug Orders for overseas—goes on record as being the first day everyone was present in person at reveille.

9 days later Brest—greatly disappointed to find the natives spoke English—first thing we hear is "Hail, Hail, the gang's all here."

Toot Sweet (meaning five days later) Journey to St. Maixent per Frog special—porkless beans and corned willy freely distributed.

4 Sep Conglomeration of gas masks, extra clothing, rifles, "Spanish Flu" and crooked streets.

16 Sep Start for Colombey-les-Belles—first sight of Boche prisoners, who give us the "Ha Ha". They know they are safe.

19 Sep Colombey-les-Belles—billeted or chumming with the barnyard fowls— noise of the big guns—ambulances—men moving up—seems as though there must be a war.

21 Sep Our guess as to a war verified—assigned a C. O. who has been in it—start to work out on ships and the Liberty Motor.

30 Sep Truck ride to the Autreville airdrome—resolved that a G. M. C. is not an upholstered limousine.

21 Oct Receive some "Battle Planes".

28 Oct Biggest Day—in the war at last—reconnaissance missions for the 92nd Division—further missions carried on with the Artillery and Infantry.

11 Nov Fini la guerre.

The Three Hundred Fifty-fourth Aero Squadron was a Corps Observation squadron. It was assigned to the Sixth Corps Observation Group, Second Army, October 21, 1918, and reached the Front at Saizerais four days later. It was engaged in the Argonne-Meuse first and second offensives. This squadron made several reconnaissance's over the German lines and gained a great deal of valuable military information. It neither gained any official victories nor suffered any casualties, and was finally ordered demobilized May 11, 1919.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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