

875 AERO SQUADRON

MISSION

Repair

LINEAGE

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Organized, Jul 1918

Demobilized, Jun 1919

STATIONS

Mitchel Field, NY

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

This squadron was organized at the First Air Depot, Colombey-les-Belles, Meurthe at Moselle, France on July 1, 1918. It's personnel was made up of picked men from several Aero Squadrons which had been in France for several months. Most of the enlisted personnel picked to form the 875th Aero Repair Squadron had received training on aeroplanes and aviation motors in French schools, and were the men with whom the organization of the Advance Air Service Shops had recently been built. The squadrons to which these men belonged, with practically all their non-commissioned grades

filled, did not afford the opportunity for these newly made mechanics to be rated in the grades they deserved. For the important work they were doing, and furthermore it was felt that greater efficiency would be gained if the Advance Shops personnel was in a single administrative unit rather than scattered among several units. Consequently, authority was received late in June, 1918 to organize the 875th Aero Repair Squadron, and this organization was effected on July 1st.

John Corcoran, Captain Commanding, Also Officer in charge of Advanee Shope

The original enlisted personnel consisted of 125 men, but skilled mechanics were selected from time to time from Air Service organizations entering the Zone of Advance, until the authorized strength of the squadron, namely 150 men, was reached in September.

At the time of organization, a number of promotions were made in the cases of the most deserving men, but the majority of the non-commissioned grades authorized were left open and subsequently filled by men who demonstrated by their daily work that they were competent to fill the various grades.

Following the completion of the organization, the efficiency of the Advance Shops increased to a most gratifying extent, and during the last few months of the war these shops, manned principally by officers and men of the 875th Squadron, were a very important factor in the maintenance of Allied supremacy of the air which contributed in each a high degree to the success of the campaign.

At the time of writing this article, orders are received assigning Captain Baird to command the Squadron, vice Captain Corcoran who is detached from the squadron and assumed to important work at one of the Aviation Production Centers.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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