

83rd AERO SQUADRON (SERVICE)

MISSION

LINEAGE

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STATIONS

Chanute Field, IL, Feb 1918-23 Mar 1918
Langley, VA

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

On 26 February, 150 men arrived from Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Missouri, to augment the 83rd. On the same day the 831st and the 832nd Aero Squadrons arrived from Kelly Field

bringing the total number of squadrons at Chanute to six. The new squadrons prompted a flurry of activity as the field prepared for a resumption of flying training. Nearly 1,500 men were crowded into barracks built to house 1,000 men. A new wing was built on the hospital, and Chanute's first five nurses arrived on 9 March 1918. "Daily sick call . . . increased noticeably."

The nurses arrived just in time to help prepare the 83rd, the 831st, and the 832nd for departure. Those going to France were given a series of six shots and had their teeth examined. Any teeth thought possible of giving any trouble in France were pulled. The camp dentist in March was pulling 25 to 50 teeth per day. The 83rd Aero Squadron left on 23 March 1918 for Langley Field, Hampton, Virginia, and the 831st and 832nd left the following day for Hempstead and Garden City, New York, respectively.

Air Force Order of Battle

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