

643 AERO SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

124 Aero Squadron (Supply) organized Sep 1917
Redesignated 643 Aero Squadron (Supply), Feb 1918
Demobilized, Jul 1919

STATIONS

Kelly Field, TX
Garden City, NY, Jan 1918
Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, NY, Jan 1918
AEF, Jan 1918
Mitchel Field, NY,

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

This squadron was organized on 3 September 1917 at Kelly Field with Sgt. Sefus Sutton in command and personnel of 150 soldiers and numbered the 124 Aero squadron.

While the squadron was stationed at Kelly Field its chief activities were calisthenics close order drill practice marches and guard duty. There were many changes in commanding officers while at Kelly field.

On September 19, 1917 first Lieut. Benard M. Caine was placed in command of the squadron relieving Sgt. Sutton under whose guidance the organization began.

On 24 September 1917 first Lieut. Richard Smith was assigned as commanding officer of the squadron.

On 7 November 1917 first Lieut. Robert Alexander was assigned as commanding officer of the squadron.

On 17 November 1917 second Lieut. William Baker was assigned as commanding officer of the squadron.

On 24 December 1917 first Lieut. Ulmer Clark was assigned as commanding officer of the squadron.

On 28 December 1917 the squadron left Kelly field in route to Garden City Long Island New York with 11 officers and 150 soldiers along with four medical soldiers attached

While the squadron was stationed at Garden City New York its chief activities were calisthenics, closed-door drill and practice marches.

On 24 January 1918 the squadron arrived at Brest harbor on board the USS Agamemnon.

On 28 January 1918 the squadron disembarked from the USS Agamemnon at Brest France and entrained for St. Maixent France.

On 29 January 1918 this squadron arrived at St. Maixent at France and was quartered at Canelaux's barracks.

On one February 1918 the number of the squadron was changed from the 124 Aero supply squadron to the 643 Aero supply squadron.

While the squadron was stationed at St. Maixent France the chief activities were calisthenics, close-door drill, practice marches and guard duty.

On 27 February 1918 this squadron entrained at St Maixent, France and left for Colombey-les-Belles, France.

On to March 1918 this squadron arrived at Colombey-les-Belles, France and was assigned to the first air Depot, zone of advance.

Since the squadron has been stationed at the first air Depot its duties has been as follows working at advance supply depot, machine shops, chauffeur driving trucks and touring cars for transportation department working in flying field and in hangers salvage crews working at post supply department, working at post headquarters.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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