

655 REPAIR SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

229 Aero Squadron (Supply) organized, Dec 1917
Redesignated 655 Aero Squadron (Supply), Feb 1918
Demobilized May 1919

655 Repair Squadron constituted in the Organized Reserve 1 October 1933

655 Aero Squadron (Supply) reconstituted and consolidated with 655 Repair Squadron, 4 Dec 1936. Consolidated organization designated 655 Repair Squadron

Disbanded, 31 May 1942

STATIONS

Kelly Field, TX
Garden City, NY, Jan 1918
Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, NY, Jan 1918
AEF, Jan 1918
Mitchel Field, NY
Not initiated 1933-1941

ASSIGNMENTS

517th Air Depot

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

When originated known as the Aero Supply Squadron "A" being formed at Kelly Field, Texas on 17 Dec 1917

On 21 Dec 1917 was again changed to 229th Aero Supply Squadron and 1Lt Roscoe C Pierce was appointed as commanding officer

On Dec 30 1917 11 officers and one hundred fifty enlisted men left Kelly Field entraining for Garden City,, NY and arriving there on 4 Jan 1918

Remained at Garden City, NY for a few days getting fully equipped and on 15 Jan 1918 sailed from Hoboken, point of embarkation.

Landed at Glasgow, Scotland, Jan.30th.1918, and entrained for Winchester England, arriving there Jan.31st 1918 and at which place being Winnall Dawn Rest Camp remained until 4 Feb 1918

Entrained for South Hampton the morning of the 4th of February and arrived there in the evening of the same day and which time we embarked on board the Hutsscraft, arriving at Le Havre, 5 Feb and remaining at rest camp for three days.

On 8 Feb 1918 entrained in box cars for Tours, arriving there the evening of the 9th of February. While here the squadron duties performed was very light, different chauffeurs of the organization going on convoys to points closer the front. Organization number changed from 229th to 655th

On Mar 29th 1918 received orders to proceed by trucks to Romorantin ASPC #2 our present location where being about the first squadron here had to build our own barracks, cook and eat outside and at that time was cold and had snow occasionally.

The duties of the organization in this camp has been principally connected with Supply Depot No. 3 handling supplies in the different warehouses when being received and also shipped out to different points closer the front.

About one third of the enlisted personnel are on detached service in Paris, Tours, and various base ports.

1Lt Roscoe Pierce was relieved of command 13 July and was sent to England and was succeeded by 2Lt B. M. Edgerton having also been in England but several months previous was assigned to duties at Supply Depot No. 3.

2Lt Edgerton was relieved of command 10 Oct and was sent to Colombey Les Belles and was succeeded by our present commanding officer 1Lt Walter H. Parker having been a member of the First Pursuit Group, AEF.

2Lt Thomas G. Randle is the only officer which is attached to this organization from the list of (the commander [Pierce] and) 10 officers, previously mentioned 2Lt Randle being detached service at Base Port No. 2. The remaining officers having left the organization upon landing at Glasgow, Scotland (have no record of them).

Constituted in the Organized Reserve 1 October 1933, assigned to the 517th Air Depot, and allotted to the Third Corps Area. Consolidated on 4 December 1936 with the 655th Aero Squadron (Supply) (a WWI unit organized in December 1917 as the 229th Aero Squadron (Supply) at Kelly Field, TX; redesignated as the 655th Aero Squadron (Supply) February 1918; demobilized in May 19 at Mitchel Field, NY; reconstituted on 4 December 1936). Disbanded 31 May 42.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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