828 AERO SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

828 Aero Squadron Organized, Feb 1918 Demobilized, Sep 1919

STATIONS

Kelly Field, TX Selfridge Field, MI, Feb 1918 Garden City, NY, May 1918 Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, NY, Aug 1918 AEF, Aug 1918 Camp Dix, NJ

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

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OPERATIONS

This squadron was formed at Kelly Field., Texas, in its present identity, February 11th, 1918.

The officers assigned for duty with this squadron at the time of its organization were; 1st Lieut. William p. Haley, Commanding, and 2nd Lieut. Albert G. Haigh, as Supply Officer, both of the Infantry Corps. On February the 18th, 2nd Lieut. Percy W. Lindsley, of the Infantry Corps, was assigned for duty as Supply Officer, vice Lieut. Haigh, who assumed the duties of Adjutant.

On February 21st, 1st Lieut. W. J. Scott, M.C, was assigned as Medical Officer.

Squadron was transferred to Selfridge Field, Mt. Clemens, Michigan, on February 23rd, where most of the squadron personnel were given instructions for several months in the schools.

On April 2nd, 2nd Lieut. Leander G. Pynn Air Service, was assigned as Engineer Officer.

On May 3rd, Lieut. Haigh was detached from duty, and on May the 4th squadron: arrived at Field number 2, Aeronautical General Supply Depot and Concentration Camp, Garden City, Long Island, New York for immediate overseas service, sailing September 1st of the same year. Shortly before leaving 2nd Lieutenants Robert W. Prestridge and Francis B. Shoemaker, both of the Air Service, was assigned to duty with squadron, but were detached with Lieut. Pynn for transportation overseas, rejoining the outfit at Camp Standon, Winchester, England

During the interval at Garden City Lieut. Haley was relieved as Commanding Officer; Lieutenant Lindsley assuming command. Lieutenant Vaughan Spalding, 2nd Lieut. Air Service, being assigned as supply officer, July 17th.

Squadron was transferred to Field. No. 1, July 23rd, 1918, and was there until August 27th, working in the Hangars of the Flying Field.

August the 29th, squadron returned to Field No. 2 and was equipped for overseas service, and sailed from pier No. 4, Bush Terminal, September 1st.

Debarkation was effected at Glasgow, Scotland, and the squadron proceeded at once to Camp Standon, Winchester, England, where it was under observation for two weeks because of exposure to diphtheritic infection. No cases developed and on September 24th, the outfit hiked to Southampton and embarked for France, landing at Cherbourg the 25th. Several days at an English rest camp followed and on the 29th of September the organization traveled by rail to St. Maixent, France, where we were equipped for the dangers and hardships of life in the Advance Section, S.O.S.

Lieutenants Prestridge and Pynn were relieved from duty at St. Maixent and Lieutenant George S. Conover, 2nd Lieut. Air Service, assigned as Engineer Officer. 1st Lieut. Edward A. Weir, M. C., assigned as Medical Officer.

October 10th we left St. Maixent for the Second Air Depot, at Latreoey, where for one month

we worked on field construction and celebrated the opening of the 1500th Y.M.C.A. but in Frmnoe, the occasion being graced by the presence of the Presidents' daughter.

From Latrecey we entrained, November 12th, after arrangements had been completed for the Armistice, and in due course reached Romorantin, where the organization was stationed at the time of writing this Chronicle; awaiting transportation to the land west of the Statue of Liberty.

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Sources

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