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MISSION LINEAGE 929 Guard Squadron **STATIONS** Sioux Falls AAF SD **ASSIGNMENTS COMMANDERS HONORS Service Streamers Campaign Streamers Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers Decorations EMBLEM MOTTO NICKNAME OPERATIONS** Guard Squadrons were organized to provide law enforcement and perform interior guard duties on stateside air bases. These units were usually formed from base personnel who had little or no formal police or security training and, because the various overseas theaters had priority for manpower, were often undermanned. Although a school for Guard officers was

established at Miami Army Air Field, FL, and a military police school was set up at Buckley Field, CO, until these schools could carry the training load some local commanders provided their

own specialized training to their Guard Squadrons.

In September 1942, at Sioux Falls, SD, the base commander set up an intensive six week course for the 929th Guard Squadron covering skills such as first aid, defense against airborne attack, map reading, interior and prisoner guard duty, combat tactics, field fortifications, camouflage, and anti-tank measures. To augment the 929th's scant manpower, the base commander, also, assigned the 811th Technical Training Squadron to military police duties. Not until 1943 did the 929th have sufficient manpower assigned to be able to actually train properly and perform its duties without augmentation.

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