

1106 AERO SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

1106 Aero Squadron organized, Jun 1918
Demobilized, Sep 1919

STATIONS

AEF
Camp Dix, NJ

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

The 1106 Air Service Replacement Squadron was organized at Air Service Production Center No. 2, Romorantin, France, June 1st 1918, pursuant to authority contained in Memorandum, Headquarters, S.O.S., American E.F. from Chief of Staff to Chief of Air Service under date of May 18th, 1918 and in compliance with Par. 2, letter O.C.A.S. (Personnel Section) under date of May 20th.

Robert von Ezdorf, 1st Lieutenant Air Service was placed in command per paragraph 45, Special Order No, 34 A Headquarters, A.S.P.C. #2 - dated June 1st, 1918. He at once took up the work of organization with a noncommissioned personnel on the basis of a Supply Squadron. The enlisted strength at that date was 92 men.

July 1st, Edwin H. Finken, 2nd Lieutenant, Air Service was assigned to duty with the Squadron per paragraph 38 Special Order no. 40 A Headquarters A.S Production Center no. 2. In addition to his duties with the organization, he was assigned to special duty with the Production and Maintenance Department, Personnel Section.

The Post was in special need of a Replacement Squadron, there being many casuals attached to regular outfits in the camp and on Special Duty with the Production and Maintenance Division, and the organization soon grew to a strength of about three hundred men. A certain portion of these were pronounced indispensable to the work in the shops and were placed on a non-transferable list. The remaining has been constantly shifting, but the total number attached to the squadron has not gone below three hundred at any time since the first month.

Per paragraph 49-50 Special Order 48 A Headquarters, A.S. Production Center No. 2, dated August 1, 1918, Lieutenant von Ezdorf was relieved of the command of the squadron and Vernon C. Sheldon, 1st Lieutenant, Air Service was placed in command. There was little change in the administration. As the squadron was growing constantly, the military personnel were unable to handle in an efficient manner the increasing work. and more men were placed on company duty.

On October 25th, 1918 2nd Lieutenant Dee Berry, Air Service was assigned to the squadron for duty. At about the same time 226 men arrived from St. Jean de Monte for work in the Armament Department and a detachment was formed known as Detachment "A", 1106 Air Service Replacement Squadron, Lieutenant Berry was placed in command of this wing. They maintained a separate mess and orderly room, but the clothing equipment and administration, such as correspondence, Service Records, etc. was carried on through the Headquarters of the organization, under the direction of the Commanding Officer.

On November 2nd, 121 more men were attached and a second detachment was formed. Lieutenant Finken was relieved from all work with the Production and Maintenance Division and placed in command this was known as Detachment E. The administration, mess, etc. was arranged in like manner as that as A. Most of the men coming to the squadron during the later months were trained armourers.

Sergeant A.J. Barr as First Sergeant and Sergeant V.H. Thorstenson as Sergeant Major acted in a faithful and efficient manner in the organization and administration of the Squadron from the first. Much credit is also due M.S.E. McGown, who had much to do with straightening out the badly muddled paper work and Service Records which came to the organization. M.S.E.

McGown received his commission as 2nd Lieut. Air Service and left this Post November 11th, 1918.

The constant shifting and uncertain condition was well overcome by the whole-hearted enthusiasm of the men, and they were always found ready for their work, whatever it might be. The personnel has ever consisted of the very highest grade of skilled workmen, who, after establishing themselves in the shops, were only released when absolute necessity required that they be sent to fill the constant demands made upon Replacement Organizations for men to bring regular squadrons up to the authorized strength. A large per cent held responsible positions in the plants and on the flying field, from which the Production and Maintenance Division refused to have them taken.

Soldierly conduct and special co-operation has been conducive to efficiency and expertness, and the organization, even though it bears the cognomen "Replacement" will live with pleasure in the memories of the men in the years to come.

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