

57 SERVICE SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

360 Aero Squadron organized, 28 Jan 1918
Redesignated 2 Park Company, 20 Aug 1918
Redesignated 2 Air Park, 2 Oct 1918
Demobilized

Redesignated Air Park No. 2, 14 Mar 1921
Redesignated 57 Service Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

2 Air Park and 57 Service Squadron consolidated. Consolidated unit designated
57 Service Squadron

Inactivated, 1 Sep 1936

STATIONS

Kelly Field, TX
Garden City, NY, Mar 1918
Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, NY, Jun 1918
St. Maxient, France 16 Jul 1918
Colombey-les-Belles, 27 Jul 1918
Lisle-en-Barrois 20 Sep 1918
Faucaucourt 11 Nov 1918
Treves, Germany 6 Jan 1919
Villier-la-Chivre, France, 20 Jan 1919
Eureu, Germany, 23 Mar 1919
LeMans, France, 31 May 1919
Paigne-le-Palin, 3 Jun 1919
LeMans, France, 13 Jun 1919
St. Nazairre, France, 28 Jun 1919
Hoboken, NJ
Camp Mills, NY

Mitchel Field, NY, 8 Jul 1919
Ellington Field, TX, 12 Aug 1919
Kelly Field, TX, 12 Nov 1919
Chanute Field, IL, 30 Nov 1919
Ellington Field, TX, 30 Jun 1921
Selfridge Field, MI, 28 Jun 1922

ASSIGNMENTS

2 Training Brigade at Kelly Field No. 1, 2 Mar 1918
Third Pursuit Group, 12 Sep 1918
Third Army, 23 Mar 1919
2 Bombardment Group, 12 Nov 1919
1 Pursuit Group, 28 Jun 1922
Headquarters Air Force, 1 Mar 1935

ATTACHMENTS

1 Pursuit Group, 1 Mar 1935-1 Sep 1936

WEAPON SYSTEMS

O-1C
A-3
BT-2B
C-1
C-14
C-19
C-2A
C-4A
C-9
O-33B
OA-2
OA-3
P-1
P-12C
P-12D
P-1C
P-3A
PT-3
XP-12
Y1C-14
Y1C-22
Y1C-24

COMMANDERS

1st Lt Louis B. Montfort

1st Lt W. M. Townley, 25 Feb 1918
Capt Lewis G. McGuigan, 28 Jun 1918
1st Lt Wheeler E. Townley, 16 Jul 1918
2nd Lt William H. Bleeker, 2 Oct 1918
1st Lt Wheeler E. Townley, 18 Dec 1918
2nd Lt Richard Hunnam, 30 Nov 1919
Capt Byrne V. Baucom, Jan 1921
1st Lt Norman D. Brophy, 25 Mar 1921
Capt John G. Colgan, 2 May 1921
1st Lt Wesley A. Zellner, 1 Jun 1921
1st Lt Hobart R. Yeager, 20 Aug 1921
1st Lt Roy B. Mosher, 28 Oct 1921
Capt Vincent B. Dixon, 23 Nov 1922
1st Lt Hobart R. Yeager, 4 Aug 1924
1st Lt Ennis C. Whitehead, 15 Oct 1924
Capt Theose E. Tillinghast, 3 Nov 1924
Capt Vincent B. Dixon, 2 Dec 1925
1st Lt Harry A. Johnson, 23 Aug 1928
1st Lt Walter E. Richards, 3 Jan 1929
Capt Roderick N. Ott, 20 Aug 1930
1st Lt Harlan T. McCormick, 17 Aug 1931
2nd Lt John W. Kirby, 17 Jun 1932
Capt Ennis C. Whitehead, 14 Jul 1932
Capt Fred C. Nelson, 28 Aug 1932
1st Lt James E. Parker, 10 Jul 1933
Capt Fred C. Nelson, 7 Dec 1933
Maj Cornelius J. Kenney, 1 Mar 1935
Capt Leo H. Dawson, 22 Jan 1936

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Meuse-Argonne
St Mihiel

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

28 Jan 1918 360th Aero Squadron organized at Kelly Field #2, under command of 1st Lieut. Louis B. Montfort, under authority Special Orders #17, Kelly Field. Original personnel obtained by transfer from 288th Aero Squadron.

1 Mar 1918 Squadron filled to authorized strength at Kelly Field, Texas, and prepared to move abroad. 2nd Lieuts. Orner O. Niergarth and James Galligan relieved, and 1st Lieut. James M. Wellborn, Med. Corps, assigned as surgeon.

11 Mar 1918 Arrived Garden City, New York and immediately placed in quarantine for Scarlet fever

22 Mar 1918 Relieved from quarantine and engaged in drill and compiling organizational equipment prior to overseas duty

28 Apr 1918 Orders received for overseas service. Squadron engaged in intensive training preparatory to move.

1 May 1918 Moved from Mitchel Field, New York, to tent camp at Aviation Concentration Camp No. 2, Garden City, New York.

12 Jun 1918 Moved to Concentration Camp at Acceptance Park, Air Service General Depot, Garden City, New York, awaiting orders for overseas duty,

28 Jun 1918 Squadron proceeded to Hoboken, New Jersey, to embark under Confidential Orders 106 Eastern Department.

29 Jun 1918 Embarked on U.S.S. President Grant and moved into inner harbor.

30 Jun 1918 U.S.S. Grant moved into outer harbor, joined convoy and voyage across the Atlantic started

12 Jul 1918 Arrived Brest, France, late in afternoon. Squadron had had only one submarine scare during entire trip.

13 Jul 1918 The squadron was lightered off the Grant and marched to Pontanezen Barracks Rest Camp.

14 Jul 1918 Entrained at Brest, France, for St. Maxient, France,

16 Jul 1918 Arrived St. Maxient, France and assigned Concalaux Barracks. 1st Lieutenant Wheeler E. Townley assumed command. The records of the squadron which had been left behind at Brest could not be found and incidentally, were never found.

23 Jul 1918 Squadron entrained 13:30 for Colombey-les-Belles, leaving thirty-five enlisted men and one officer in quarantine for mumps at St. Maxient.

27 Jul 1918 Arrived 1st Air Depot, Colombey-les-Belles 10:00. 50 Enlisted men under command, Second Lieutenant George N. Miller, Jr., placed on detached service with Third Pursuit Group at Vaucoulers, France.

3 Aug 1918 The thirty-five men and one officer left in quarantine at St. Maxient joined the squadron at Colombey-les -Belles.

20 Sep 1918 Moved to Lisle-en-Barrois and prepared field for use of 3rd pursuit Group.

5 Oct 1918 Shops opened to service units of the First Pursuit Group.

11 Nov 1918 Moved to Faucaucourt as part of the 3rd Pursuit Group

6 Jan 1919 Ordered back to Treves, Germany.

10 Jan 1919 Received motor transportation from Dijon.

20 Jan 1919 Departed Logway, France, 7:00 A. M., arrived Luxembourg 11:30 for dinner. Received orders to return to Villier-la-Chivre, France, 9:30 P. M. and await further orders.

22 Jan 1919 Started assembling, crating and shipping all German aviation material in the vicinity of Villier-la-Chivre, France, Gosnes and Tallencort, 5 fields, to Romarantin, France. 16 engines were shipped from Conflans, by the squadron.

20 Feb 1919 Detailed 6 enlisted men to Brussels, Belgium to ship eight German planes to Romarantin, France.

22 Feb 1919 2nd Air Park shipped all German aviation materiel in the vicinity of Villier-le-Chivre on 30 cars.

23 Feb 1919 Departed Villier-le-Chivre for Treves, Germany to ship 102 German airplanes to Romarantin, France, for delivery to the American Government under the terms of the Armistice. This shipment consisted of AEG'S; LVG'S; Fokkers; Halberstadts; Machine Guns, motors, balloons and motorized balloons.

19 Mar 1919 Shipped three trains of equipment from Treves to Romarantin-France.

23 Mar 1919 Moved to Eureu, 2 kilometers South of Treves, Germany.

2nd Lieutenant George N. Miller, Jr. 2nd Air Park, died of pneumonia, at Treves, Germany.

12 May 1919 All units of the 3rd Army having been sent to either Weissenthun, Germany, or to Colombey-les-Belles, France, and all unit equipment was turned in to the Second Air Park for reclamation and shipment to America.

16 May 1919 All equipment of air units was received by the 2nd Air Park and after inspection and reclamation, such items as could be used were re-issued to units of the Third Army (Army of Occupation) which remained in Germany.

25 May 1919 Second Lieutenant James W. Sawyer transferred from 2nd Air Park to 1st Air Depot. 12 enlisted men of 2nd Air Park detached from Squadron to remain at Treves, Germany, to service airplanes.

28 May 1919 All equipment and supplies of the 2nd Air Park which were not re-issued to units of the Third Army were shipped to Romarantin, France, by 15 car train.

29 May 1919 Entrained at West Trier, Germany, for LeMans, France, in 30 box cars and 1 coach at 1:47 P. M. Bedsack and excelsior were issued to each man for sleeping accommodations.

31 May 1919 Arrived LeMans, France, 3:40 P. M.

3 Jun 1919 Hiked in full pack 12 kilometers to Paigne-le-Palin.

4 Jun 1919 Inspected by Commander in Chief. First Lieutenant Omer J. Blood transferred from 2nd Air Park to 1st Air Depot.

13 Jun 1919 Hiked from Paigne-le-Palin, France, to LeMans, France, and entrained for St. Nazaire, France 9:00 P. M.

14 Jun 1919 Arrived St. Nazaire, France 9:00 A.M., marched 5 kilometers to Camp #2 and at 7:00 P.M. marched 2 kilometers to Camp #1.

16 Jun 1919 2nd Air Park embarked at St. Nazaire, France, on USS President Grant.

28 Jun 1919 Arrived Hoboken, New Jersey and proceeded to Camp Mills, New York. 5 officers, 107 enlisted men assigned 27th Aero Squadron.

8 Jul 1919 Moved from Camp Mills to Mitchell Field, New York.

9 Jul 1919 Reconstituted as a regular Army unit on discharge of all enlisted men who did not elect to remain in service.

8 Aug 1919 Departed Mitchell Field, New York, by train, for Ellington Field, Texas.

12 Aug 1919 Arrived Ellington Field, Texas.

12 Nov 1919 Transferred from Ellington Field, Texas to Kelly Field, Texas. Squadron consisted of one Sergeant First Class Fred W. Robinson. Squadron recruited to strength on arrival at Kelly Field, Texas.

30 Nov 1919 80 enlisted men, 2nd Air Park, transferred to Chanute Field, Illinois. Second Lieutenant Richard Hunnam assigned to 2nd Air Park and assumed command.

Stationed at Garden City, NY, as of 1 July 1919 as the 2nd Air Park. Transferred on 1 September 1919 to Ellington Field, TX. Transferred on 8 November 1919 to Kelly Field, TX.

Redesignated Air Park No. 2 on 14 March 1921. Transferred on 30 June 1921 to Ellington Field, TX.

Transferred on 28 June 1922 to Selfridge Field, MI, and assigned to the 1st Pursuit Group. Redesignated as the 57th Service Squadron on 25 January 1923.

Relieved from assignment to the 1st Pursuit Group on 1 March 1935 and assigned to the General Headquarters Air Force.

Concurrently attached to the 1st Pursuit Group. Inactivated on 1 September 1936 at Selfridge Field, MI, and personnel reassigned to the 1st Pursuit Group.

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Sources

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