

155th AERO SQUADRON

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Type: Service (Bombardment)

Service Period: March 17 to August 25, 1918

Locations: Lake Down

The unit was never divided into flights. Shipped to France on September 3 from Flower Down Camp.

LINEAGE

Organized Dec 1917

Demobilized Mar 1919

STATIONS

Kelly Field, TX

Scott Field, IL, Dec 1917

Garden City, NY, Jan 1918

Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, Feb 1918

AEF, Feb 1918

Garden City, NY,

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

155th AERO SQUADRON— Commanded by 1st Lieut. L. C. Dillenbach. The 155th Aero Squadron arrived here early in January in company with its sister organization, the 154th Aero Squadron, and on a like mission, soon leaving their temporary home in the background, for an adventurous career in France.

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The Unit Construction Company of St. Louis, the contractor for Scott Field, commenced work on the new two-squadron camp on June 27, 1917. As many as 3,000 workmen were employed at one time to push the construction of buildings and the clearing and leveling of the landing field. Within two months, 52 buildings, including quarters for students, officers, instructors, mechanics, and enlisted personnel, six large hangars, machine shops, offices, and mess halls were awaiting occupation by troops en route from Texas. Although the work was not completed until September 1, the date on which the War Department officially accepted the field, the 11th and 21st Aero Squadrons moved into the new barracks and quarters on August 12, and training commenced as of that date. Major J. W. Kurd assumed temporary command of Scott Field.

Other types of instruction developed apace with the flight-training program. Month after month aero squadrons received instruction and practical training in the various jobs related to the actual operations of a combat flying squadron. The 11th and 21st Aero Squadrons left the field before the end of 1917; the 86th departed in mid-February, followed by the 85th, 154th, and 222d, while the 155th, 261st, and 262d, and 263d remained until March. Eight squadrons served overseas, four in France, after advanced training with the Royal Flying Corps in England. Other squadrons were training in England at the close of hostilities. Several squadrons were transferred to camps in the United States.

One Hundred Fifty-fifth: The One Hundred Fifty-fifth Squadron had for its insignia the head of a large arrow, pointed upward. The One Hundred Fifty-fifth Aero Squadron was a night bombardment squadron. It was assigned to the First Army on November 9, 1918, but, owing to the Armistice being signed two days later, it never functioned on the Front. It ceased operations December 4, 1918.

Air Force Order of Battle

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