

222nd AERO SQUADRON

222nd AERO SQUADRON— Commanded by 1st Lieut. John R. Clark?. Recruited in and around St. Louis. In February was transferred to Garden City, Long Island, accompanying the 86th Aero Squadron.

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Type: Service (Pursuit)

Service Period: March 25 to October 30, 1918

Locations: Hounslow, London Colney, Weston-on-Green

Moved to France from Codford on November 4.

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.

LINEAGE

Organized Dec 1917

Demobilized Jul 1919

STATIONS

Scott Field, IL

Garden City, NY, Feb 1918

Port of Embarkation, Halifax, Canada, Mar 1918

AEF, Mar 1918

Camp Mills, NY, Jun 1919

Mitchel Field, 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

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Air Force Order of Battle

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