

2nd AIR DEPOT GROUP

LINEAGE

Possibly disbanded, Sep 1942

STATIONS

Molesworth, England

Burtonwood, England, Jun 1942

Poynton, England

Neaton, England

Kingston, England

France

Detmold, Germany

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

On 1 July, Tech and Tinker Hall Sites were occupied by the 2nd Air Depot Group which was to set up Air Force Supply functions. The repair squadron of this Group was to assume the function of aircraft repair.

The scarcity of replacement parts had long been a factor inhibiting the output of engine repair and the establishment of American supply functions had a salutary effect upon operation from the beginning. It was arranged that parts should be requisitioned from US supply and sought from British sources only when not available at Tinker Hall Site. By the end of July, the supply squadrons of the 2nd had set up warehouses in hangars and were in full operation. In the meantime the repair squadrons were setting up machine shops, sheet metal shops, miscellaneous accessory repair and aircraft repair facilities, and assuming the functions of engine installation, aircraft repair and aircraft flight testing.

The major tasks were the completion of assembled aircraft received from Speke where the majority of the fighters were taken from Liverpool and Birkenhead docks after crossing the Atlantic as deck cargo. Then, they were prepared for delivery to squadrons and once ready picketed out on the airfield awaiting delivery. The operational requirement was so heavy that most aircraft were flown out as soon as they were ready. The numbers continued to grow with new records being broken almost on a daily basis once the giant machine started to roll.

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