

5th ARTILLERY AERIAL OBSERVATION SCHOOL

LINEAGE

STATIONS

Le Valdahon, France

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The story of the 5th Artillery Aerial Observation School at Le Valdahon was largely one of idleness. Although a field artillery unit was on duty there from May through the summer of 1918, not a single Air Service officer was sent there for observation training. The school was located about a mile from the camp there some of the first American observers trained in France, This instruction had been started in August, 1917, in cooperation with a French observation squadron which was then on duty at the station, and was discontinued on February 15, 1918, when the French squadron left. It was intended to continue instruction in the same manner as before, but the plan was altered to provide for advanced training in conjunction with artillery units to be given only to observers who had completed their primary flying training. During the summer of 1918 the school was used solely for instruction of artillery officers. In October a class of ten

student observers arrived from Tours for advanced training but only two classes graduated before the Armistice was signed

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