

56 SERVICE SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

Air Park No. 1 constituted, 30 Aug 1921

Redesignated 56 Service Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

Inactivated, 31 Mar 1928

Organized, 1928

Activated, 1 March 1935

Demobilized, 1 Sep 1936

STATIONS

Bolling Field, DC, 1921-1928

Hensley Field, TX, 1928-1935

Selfridge Field, MI, 1935-1936

ASSIGNMENTS

III Corps Air Service

12 Observation Group, 6 Feb 1923

14 Observation Group, 8 May 1928

General Headquarters Air Force, 1 Mar 1935

WEAPON SYSTEMS

JN-4

O-2

BT-2BI

PT-3A

P-6D

COMMANDERS

1st Lt Talcott P. Smith, 1 Oct 1921

Capt Ray A. Dunn, 5 Nov 1921

Capt Robert LeG. Walsh, 1 Aug 1922

Capt William C. Ocker, 18 Oct 1923

1st Lt St. Clair Streett, 5 Apr 1924

Capt Lorenzo L. Snow, 1 Jul 1924

1st Lt Thomas D. While, 24 Nov 1925
1st Lt Kellogg Sloan, 17 Feb 1926
Capt Donald P. Muse, 17 May 1926
1st Lt Harry A. Dinger, 1 May 1927
1st Lt Peter E. Skanse, 16 Sep 1927
Capt Robert E. Ellis, 22 Nov 1927
1st Lt Harry A. Dinger, 9 Feb 1928
Unknown, 1 Apr 1928-1 Mar 1935
Maj Warren A. Maxwell, 1 Mar 1935
Maj Alfred A. Kessler, 1 Sep 1935
1st Lt Hanlon A. Van Auken, 14 Jun 1936

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Constituted in the Regular Army on 30 August 1921 as Air Park No. 1. Concurrently organized at Bolling Field, DC, and assigned to the III Corps Air Service. Redesignated as the 56th Service Squadron on 25 January 1923. Relieved from the III Corps Air Service on 6 February 1923 and assigned to the 12th Observation Group (IV Corps).

Inactivated on 31 March 1928 at Bolling Field and allotted to the Office of Chief of the Air Corps for mobilization purposes. Relieved from assignment to the 12th Observation Group on 8 May 1928 and assigned to the 14th Observation Group. Withdrawn from the Third Corps Area on 1 September 1928 and allotted to the Eighth Corps Area.

Organized in late 1928 with Organized Reserve personnel as a RAI unit at Hensley Field, TX. Organized Reserve officers assigned to the unit participated in summer training at Kelly Field, TX, 1929-34.

Activated on 1 March 1935, less Reserve personnel, at Selfridge Field, MI, and assigned to the General Headquarters Air Force. Concurrently attached to the 1st Pursuit Group. Demobilized on 1 September 1936 at Selfridge Field, MI, and personnel reassigned to the 1st Pursuit Group.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE UNIT HISTORIES

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Sources

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