

SQUADRON D, SCOTT FIELD, IL

LINEAGE

Organized Jul 1918

Demobilized Nov 1918

STATIONS

Scott Field, IL

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

SQUADRON "D," in command of 2nd Lieut. Craig Biddle, was organized at this field to include the 91 casualties who had arrived in early July known as Detachment No. 35 from the line in Kelly Field, leaving behind them memories of the canvas tents, dust and cactus. Shortly after its organization, enlisted men in other squadrons who were awaiting assignment to Air Service Ground Schools and Officers' Training Camps were transferred into Squadron "D." As the future officers were called to these various schools, the vacancies thus created were filled by "rookies" arriving daily for enlistment. In command, was 2nd Lieut. John A. Bonham, who later received overseas orders, when 2nd Lieut. Lester E. Cox was given the command, remaining its C. O. until

its departure with its sister Squadron "A" to Aviation General Supply Depot, Little Rock, Arkansas, in command, of 2nd Lieut. Leon Malraison, in early December.

So the story ends and the dyins; year looks back, in its flight, upon a scene of "Loneliness and Emptiness," for all have gone except the lonely guard, whose tread echoes a last farewell to old 1918.

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