

59 SERVICE SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

218 Aero Squadron organized, Jan 1918
Redesignated 4 Park Co, Aug 1918
Redesignated 4 Air Park, Oct 1918
Demobilized, Jul 1919

Air Park No. 4 constituted, 14 Mar 1921
Redesignated 59 Service Squadron, 25 Jan 1923
Demobilized, 1 Sep 1936

STATIONS

Kelly Field, TX
Garden City, NY, Mar 1918
Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, NY, Jun 1918
AEF, May 1918
Mitchel Field, NY
Kelly Field, TX, 1921-22
Langley Field, VA, 26 Jun 1922-36

ASSIGNMENTS

1 Pursuit Group
2 Bombardment Group

WEAPON SYSTEMS

A-3
B-6A
C-6A
C-7
DH-4B
DH-4M

O-1
O-11
O-11A
O-1C
O-1E
O-2A
OA-4A
PT-1
T-1
XB-10
Y1C-12
Y1C-14

COMMANDERS

Capt J. C. Rankin, 24 Aug 1918
1st Lt Robin A. Day, 14 Mar 1921
Capt Earley E. W. Duncan, 13 Feb 1922
1st Lt William A. Hayward, 29 Oct 1923
1st Lt Robert H. Finley, 14 Nov 1923
1st Lt William A. Hayward, 16 Jan 1924
Capt James F. Doherty, 2 Jun 1927
Capt Ernest Clark, 1 Jul 1928
1st Lt William J. Hanlon, 16 Jan 1929
Capt Frank D. Hackett, 16 Mar 1929
1st Lt Clarence R. MacIver, 1 Sep 1929
2nd Lt Charles W. O'Connor, 26 Jan 1931
Capt Lionel H. Dunlap, 5 Feb 1931
Capt Jasper K. McDuffie, 12 Sep 1934
Maj Harvey H. Holland, 8 Mar 1935

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Assigned First Pursuit Group and split into flights, being attached to squadrons of the Group for actual training; 25 Aug 1918

6 Aug 1918

218th Aero Squadron assigned 1st Pursuit Group as Group Supply Squadron.

29 Aug 1918

218th-This squadron which had been assigned as a Supply Squadron for the First Pursuit Group and had been split into flights for the purpose of obtaining training, was reconsolidated and started operations as a unit.

4 Sep 1918

218th - The squadron which had remained behind at Saints for the purpose of closing the airdrome, proceeded to Rembercourt, by truck convoy.

5 Sep 1918

218th-Assigned 95th Squadron for further training. Arrived Rembercourt 6:00.

23 Sep 1918

218th - Captain John G. Rankin transferred from group headquarters and assumed command. First Lieutenants I. Ordway and James L. McGrath transferred from Group Headquarters and assigned. Squadron commenced operations as Engineering, Supply and Salvage unit for First Pursuit Wing units.

Constituted in the Regular Army on 14 March 1921 as Air Park No. 4 and assigned to the 2nd Bombardment Group. Concurrently organized at Kelly Field, TX, with personnel and equipment from the 464th Aero Squadron [Construction].

10 May 1932 Lockheed Y1C-12 Vega, 31-405 of the 59th Service Squadron, a Lockheed DL-1 Vega acquired by the Army Air Corps for service tests and evaluation, is moderately damaged at Langley Field, Virginia, while piloted by Thomas D. Ferguson.

9 October 1933 Prototype Martin XB-10, 33-157, assigned to the 59th Service Squadron, Langley Field, Virginia, is lost when landing gear will not extend during routine flight, Lt. E. A. Hilary parachutes from bomber, which is destroyed with only 132 flight hours.

Demobilized on 1 September 1936 at Langley Field.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE ORGANIZATIONAL HISTORIES

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Sources

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