

# 820 AERO SQUADRON

## **MISSION**

Repair

## **LINEAGE**

820 Aero Squadron

Organized, Jan 1918

Demobilized, Aug 1918

## **STATIONS**

Kelly Field, TX

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

820th Aero Squadron of Kelly Field has earned its place in the Sun. It holds its head high, and justly so.

Its record is clean, taking it from every standpoint. This squadron is composed of men who were engaged in Trade Testing, and for this exacting work men of the highest type, mentally and physically, were selected from the start.

This Squadron was organized January 7, 1918, with Captain Harry V. Hand Commanding, he being later appointed as Officer in Charge of the Trade Test Board. Captain Hand left the command on January 27, 1918, and was succeeded as Squadron Commander by Lieut. C. J. Doheny, a graduate of the G. O. T. S. at Kelly Field. In the latter part of July, 1918, he was sent to Chicago in charge of a recruiting detachment. On January 9, 1919, he was made Officer in Charge of the Trade Test Board to succeed Captain Hand who had been promoted to Commandant of Flying Cadets at Kelly Field. On August 9, 1918, Lieut. Spencer Brush took command, remaining until honorably discharged on January 2, 1919. Lieut. Robert W. Paden succeeded him, and is in charge at this writing.

In the latter part of July, 1918, ten detachments of ten men each, were selected from this Squadron to go to the larger cities of the United States, for the purpose of recruiting men particularly suited to the highly specialized requirements of the Air Service. The work of these detachments was highly successful, in that they recruited approximately 30,000 men; men who doubtless might not have come into this branch of the service. These detachments returned to the 820th Squadron in the early part of November, 1918, immediately resuming their former duties at Trade Test Examiners.

As was stated in the beginning, the 820th Squadron was composed of the highest type of men, the nature of the work in which they were engaged necessitating this. They worked together, cooperated with their superiors, and they are proud, indeed, of the enviable record they have established. On the whole, the morale of this Squadron has been unusually high, every man has done himself proud, and we most emphatically state that the 820th Aero Squadron of Kelly Field has earned its place in the Sun.

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Sources

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