

HISTORY OF H. Q. & H. Q. SQUADRON



3RD ATTACK GROUP

JANUARY - DECEMBER 1936

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON
THIRD ATTACK GROUP

FILE NO. 34.1
FEB 4 - 1937
Barksdale Field, La.
January 15, 1937.

Subject: History of Organization.

To : C. O., 3d Attack Group, GHQ Air Force, Barksdale Field, La.

H-I-S-T-O-R-Y O-F O-R-G-A-N-I-Z-A-T-I-O-N
January 1 to December 31, 1936.

a. Original Units.

- (1) Designations: 60th Aero Squadron,
279th Aero Service Squadron,
Headquarters, 1st Surveillance Group.
- (2) Date of organization: Completed.
- (3) Place of organization: Completed.
- (4) Authority for organization: Completed.
- (5) Sources from which personnel was obtained: Completed.

b. Changes in organization: 60th Serv. Sq., GHQ Air Force and 3d Attack Group Hq., 3d Wing, GHQ Air Force, were redesignated "Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 3d Attack Group" effective Sept. 1, 1936, per General Orders No. 10, Hq., 3d Wing, GHQ Air Force, Barksdale Field, La., August 20, 1936, with an authorized strength of 77 enlisted men per 1st Ind. Hq. 3d Wing, GHQ Air Force, Barksdale Field, La., August 20, 1936, to Letter AG 320.2 (7-15-36) Misc. (Ret) - MG 8-12-36, Sub GHQ Air Force. On Dec. 1, 1936, the 60th Aero Sq. which served as a unit of the American Expeditionary Forces in the World War was reconstituted and consolidated with Hq. and Hq. Squadron, 3d Attack Group, formed Sept. 1, 1936, of two components of which one was the 60th Serv. Sq. (organized Feb. 11, 1918, at Gerstner Field, La., as the 279th Aero Serv. Squadron; redesignated Aug. 13, 1918, as the 5th Park Co.; redesignated Oct. 19, 1918, as the 5th Air Park; reorganized July 19, 1919; redesignated Jan. 1, 1923, as 60th Serv. Sq.). Ltr WD AGO file AG 320.2 (10-14-36) Misc (Ret) Sub; History and reconstitution of the 60th Aero Sq.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.

(1) At beginning of period:	Commissioned	enlisted
60th Serv. Sq., GHQ Air Force	5	170
3d Atk Gp Hq., 3d Wg., GHQ AF.	6	36

(2) Net increase each month:

	<u>60th Service Squadron</u>		<u>3d Attack Group Hq.</u>	
	Commissioned	Enlisted	Commissioned	Enlisted
January	0	1	0	2
February	0	13	0	0
March	0	1	0	0

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(2) Cont'd:

	<u>60th Service Squadron</u>		<u>3d Attack Group Hq</u>	
	<u>Commissioned</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Commissioned</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
April	0	0	1	0
May	0	0	0	1
June	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 3d Attack Group.

Strength, commissioned and enlisted:	<u>Commissioned</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
At beginning of period:	11	77
September	0	2
October	0	0
November	0	0
December	0	6

(3) Net decrease each month:

	<u>60th Service Squadron</u>		<u>3d Attack Group Hq</u>	
	<u>Commissioned</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Commissioned</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
January	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	1	2
March	0	0	0	0
April	0	3	0	3
May	0	2	0	0
June	0	9	0	0
July	1	0	0	0
August	4	171	6	34

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 3d Attack Group.

September	0	0
October	0	3
November	4	7
December	0	0

(4) At end of period: Commissioned Enlisted

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d. Stations (Permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof:
Barksdale Field, Louisiana.

e. Marches: None.

f. Campaigns: Omitted. (Par 11, b, (2) AR 345-105)

g. Battles: Omitted. (Par 11, b, (2) AR 345-105)

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(4) Cont'd:

h. Commanding Officers in important engagements: Omitted (Par 11, b (2) AR 345-105)

i. Losses in action; officers and men: Omitted (Par 11, b, (2) AR 345-105).

j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action: Completed.

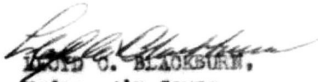
k. Photographs of personnel, important scenes or events: None taken.

5-Incls.

Incl-1 Ltr WD AGO file AG 320.2
(7-15-36) Misc. (Ret)-Mc &
1st Inf Hq 3d Wg GHQ AF.

Incl-2 True Copy GO No. 10 Hq 3d
Wg GHQ Air Force 8-20-36.

Incl-3 Ltr WD AGO 320.2 (10-14-36)
Misc. (Ret) 12-1-36.


LOUIS C. BLACKBURN,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS THIRD WING, GHQ AIR FORCE
Office of the Wing Commander,

(N-27)

421.

Barksdale Field,
Shreveport, La.,
Oct. 7, 1936.

SUBJECT: Organizational History and Authorized Insignia.

TO : Commanding General, General Headquarters Air Force,
Langley Field, Virginia.

1. In accordance with paragraph 1c(2), AF 421., September 4, 1936, there is enclosed herewith copy of the authorized insignia of the Third Attack Group. A description of the insignia, with authority for its wear as a part of the uniform, was forwarded to your office as Inclosure No. 8 to 421., this office, dated April 15, 1936, subject "Insignia".

2. In connection with paragraph 1a, of your letter of September 2, 1936, referred to above, the 3rd attack group has no record of the official War Department History of that group.

For the Commanding Office :

GEO. E. LOVELL, JR.,
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Executive Officer.

2 Incl:

Incl 1 - Cy. AGO Memo, 1-17-22 (In trip)
Incl 2 CCy. Dwg. of 3 Atk Gp. (Insignia) In trip.

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1st Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS CHQ. AIR FORCE, Langley Field, Virginia,
To : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

Reference paragraph 2, basic letter, request that the official War Department history of the 3rd Attack Group be compiled, and forwarded in duplicate through this headquarters.

For the Commanding General :

/s/
P. M. WHITNEY,
Captain, A. G. D.,
Asst Adjutant General.

2 Incls. withdrawn.

AG 421.7 (10-7-36)

2nd Ind.

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War Department, A. G. O., October 23, 1936 - To the Commandant, Army War College, Fort Humphreys, D. C.

For necessary action in connection with the preparation of the history of the 3rd Attack Group.

By order of the Secretary of War :

/s/
D. H. TORREY,
Adjutant General.

3rd Ind.

MFJB: IA

Army War College, Fort Humphreys, D. C., April 3, 1937 - To the Adjutant General.

1. The 3rd Attack Group, Air Corps, was originally organized July 1, 1919 at Kelly Field, Texas, as Army Surveillance Group (Letter, Director of Air Service, 7-1-19); it was redesignated as 1st Surveillance Group on August 15, 1919; as 3rd Group (attack) on September 15, 1921; as 3rd Attack Group on January 25, 1923; and as 3rd Attack Group, Air Corps on August 8, 1926.

2. Because of the World War service of its component units, the 3rd Attack Group, Air Corps, is entitled to a streamer in the colors of the Victory Ribbon, with the inscriptions :

LORRAINE
ST. MIHIEL
MEUSE-ARGONNE.

For the Commandant :

/s/
ROBERT A. McCLURE,
Major. Infantry, Exec-officer

AG 421.7 (10-7-36)
Misc. (ret)

4th Ind.

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War Department, A. G. O., April 7, 1937 - To the Commanding General,
GHQ Air Force, Langley Field, Virginia.

Attention is invited to 3rd Indorsement.

By order of the Secretary of War :

/s/
W. E. BERGREN,
Adjutant General.

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AF 421 (10-7-37)

5th Ind.

HEADQUARTERS GHQ AIR FORCE, Langley Field, Virginia, April 14, 1937.
To: Commanding General, 3rd Wing, GHQ Air Force, Barksdale Field, La.

W. W. D.

421. (10-7-36.)

6th Ind.

HEADQUARTERS THIRD WING, GHQ AIR FORCE, Barksdale Field, La., APR 17 1937 (H-27)
To: Commanding Officer, Air Base, Barksdale Field, Shreveport, Louisiana.

G. I. B.

AF 421 (10-7-36)

7th Ind.

(Q-15)

Air Base Headquarters, Barksdale Field, Louisiana, April 19, 1937. To:
Commanding Officer, 3rd Attack Group, GHQ Air Force, Barksdale Field, La.

J. W. Mc.

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1st Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS THIRD WING GHQ AIR FORCE, Barksdale Field, La., August 20, 1936.
TO: Commanding Officers, all units, 3rd Wing, GHQ Air Force.

1. Reference paragraph 6, basic letter, a general order will issue from this office prior to September 1, 1936, re-designating and constituting necessary units, effective September 1, 1936, which will be the effective date of this reorganization.

2. Reference paragraph 7 a, the following instructions will govern:

a. The mimeographed tables of organization prepared by the Commanding General, General Headquarters Air Force, and previously transmitted to group commanders authorizing strengths as shown below will be used as a guide in making necessary transfers incident to the reorganization:

	<u>Authorized Strength</u>
Hq. & Hq. Squadron, 3rd Wing.	70
Hq. & Hq. Squadron, 3rd Attack Group	77
Attack Squadron, Type A-17 (less 1 flight)	107
Hq. & Hq. Squadron 20th Pursuit Group.	77
Pursuit Squadron, Type P-26 (less 2 flights)	59 *

* The mimeographed table provides for a Pursuit Squadron of 52 men. This table is increased by the authorization of 1 cook, 1 radio repairer and 5 armorers.

X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X

DISTRIBUTION:

5 CC 3rd Atk Gp
5 CC 20th Purs. Gp.
10 CC Barksdale Air Base.
1 CC 3rd W. Hq. Sq.
4 File.

(Signed) M. F. Harmon
M. F. HARMON.
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Commanding.

A TRUE COPY:

LEOYD C. BLACKBURN,
Major, Air Corps.

WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

August 12, 1936.

AG 320.2 (7-15-36)
Misc. (Ret)-MC.

Subject: General Headquarters Air Force.

To: Commanding Generals of all Corps Areas; Chiefs of all Divisions of the War Department General Staff; Commandants, General and Special Service Schools; Chiefs of all Arms, Services and Bureaus of the War Department; the Commanding General, GHQ Air Force; and the Commanding Officers of Exempted Stations.

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6. a. The Air Corps units and headquarters listed in the tables below will be reorganized and redesignated or constituted, effective July 1, 1936.

Table I

Units and Headquarters reorganized and redesignated

<u>Present Designation</u> <u>or Designations</u>	<u>New Designation</u>	<u>Station</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
X	X	X	X
(Hq 3d Atk Gp (60th Serv Sq	Hq & Hq Sq.. 3d Atk Gp	Barksdale Fld	
X	S	X	X

7. a. Pending the approval and issuance of Tables of Organization, the Commanding General, GHQ Air Force, authorized to allot grades and ratings to organizations of his command subject to the restriction that the total number of grades and ratings allotted to the units at any one station will not exceed the total number of such grades and ratings now allotted to Air Corps units at that station or which may be hereafter allotted.

allotted.				
x	x	x	x	x
x	x	x	x	x

By order of the Secretary of War:

(Signed) Frank O. Burnett
Brigadier General,
Acting The Adjutant General.

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:

LLOYD C. BLACKBURN,
Major, Air Corps.

HEADQUARTERS THIRD WING GHQ AIR FORCE
Office of the Wing Commander.

GENERAL ORDERS)

Barksdale Field, LA.,
August 20, 1936.

NO. 10)

1. Pursuant to instructions contained in Letter, AG 320.3 (7-15-36) Misc. (Ret) - MC -, from the Adjutant General, dated August 12, 1936, Subject: "General Headquarters Air Force", and 1st Ind., AF 322.062 (8-12-36) thereto, from the Commanding General, General Headquarters Air Force, dated August 15, 1936, to this office, the following changes in the organization of the 3rd Wing, GHQ Air Force, are announced, effective September 1, 1936:

a. Redesignation of Units:

- (1) Headquarters 3rd Wing, is redesignated

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 3rd Wing.

- (2) Headquarters 3rd Attack Group, and the 60th Service Squadron, are redesignated

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 3rd Attack Group

- (3) Headquarters 20th Pursuit Group, and the 71st Service Squadron, are redesignated

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 20th Pursuit Group.

b. Constituted Units:

- (1) Base Headquarters and 6th Air Base Squadron, is constituted from Station Complement, Air Corps, which is discontinued.


2. All of the redesignated or constituted units mentioned in paragraph 1, above, will be stationed at Barksdale Field, Louisiana.

3. Administrative instructions, including allotments of grades and ratings to units, will be issued at a later date.

SGD M F HARMON
M. F. HARMON,
Lieut. Col., A. C.,
Commanding.

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LLOYD C. BLACKBURN, Maj., A.C.,
Commanding.

WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office
Washington

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In reply
refer to: AG 320.2 (10-14-36)
Misc. (Ret)

Subject: History and reconstitution of the
60th Aero Squadron (World War).

To: Commanding General, GHQ Air Force.


1. The 60th Aero Squadron, a unit of the American Expeditionary Forces, was organized at Kelly Field, Texas, August 9, 1917, and was redesignated the 60th Aero Construction Squadron September 5, 1917. This squadron sailed for overseas on the "Mallory," January 18, 1918, and was redesignated the 472d Aero Construction Squadron, February 1, 1918. A few days thereafter the squadron left France and went to England where its service, beginning February 10, continued until the signing of the armistice. The squadron returned to the United States on the "Adriatic," December 11, 1918, and was demobilized at Garden City, New York, December 30, 1918. The 60th Aero Squadron is not entitled to credit for battle participation but is entitled to credit for service in France from February 6 to February 8, 1918 and for service in England from February 10 to November 11, 1918.

2. In order to perpetuate the history and traditions of the 60th Aero Squadron which served as a unit of the American Expeditionary Forces in the World War, it is hereby reconstituted and consolidated with the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 3d Attack Group, formed September 1, 1935, of two components of which one was the 60th Service Squadron (organized February 11, 1918, at Gerstner Field, La., as the 279th Aero Service Squadron; redesignated August 13, 1918, as the 5th Park Co.; redesignated October 19, 1918, as the 5th Air Park; reorganized July 19, 1919; redesignated January 1, 1923, as 60th Service Squadron.)

By order of the Secretary of War:

(Signed) ?
Adjutant General.

A TRUE COPY:


DAVID C. BLACKBURN,
Major, Air Corps.