

SQUADRON HISTORY

SECOND EMERGENCY RESCUE SQUADRON

At Hamilton Field, California, the 15 December 1943, the Second Emergency Rescue Squadron was activated per paragraph 1, General Order 195, Hq. Fourth Air Force, dated 3 December 1943.

The original cadre consisted of eleven (11) Officers and ten (10) enlisted men, who were assigned on the 22 December 1943. Major Russell L. Redman, A.S.N. O-424156, assumed command of the organization and First Sergeant Edward (nmi) Selan, A.S.N. 19010137, the first sergeant's duties.

On the 23 December 1943, this organization was attached to the 46th A.B. CAS Detachment, for rations only. From the 23 December 1943 to the 27 December 1943 its strength increased to 17 Officers and 10 enlisted men and on the 27 December 1943, it was relieved from attached, for rations only, 46th A.B. CAS Detachment and attached to the 59th A.A.A. Brigade for rations only. A total of 3 Officers and 212 enlisted men were assigned to this organization on the 29 December 1943. On the 30 December 1943, Major Russell L. Redman, A.S.N. O-424156, was relieved of command of the organization. This post was held by Major McCall until the 24 January 1944 at which time he was relieved and transferred. Upon the transfer of Major McCall, Major Russell L. Redman, A.S.N. O-424156 resumed command of the organization.

The Second Emergency Rescue Squadron was transferred from Hamilton Field, California to Gulfport Field, Mississippi on the 8 February 1944. The net increase in strength from the 29 December 1943 to the time of

movement, 8 February 1944, was 15 Officers and 141 enlisted men. The net decrease in strength was 13 Officers and 145 enlisted men establishing the Squadron strength at 22 Officers and 210 enlisted men.

The Squadron was entrain from the 8 February 1944 to the 12 February 1944, the date of arrival at Gulfport Field, Mississippi. Upon Arrival the Squadron was attached, for rations and quarters, to the Hq. & Hq. Detachment, 26th Technical School Group. The organization was assigned P.B.Y. 's (OA-10) and proceeded to complete its flying schedule. On the 23 February 1944, Major Redman was relieved of command and Major Dwight F. Lewis, A.S.N. O-373823, was assigned and assumed command of the Organization. On this one day, 23 February 1944, the net increase in strength was 27 Officers and 143 enlisted men and the net decrease was 10 Officers and 107 enlisted men now establishing the Squadron strength at 40 Officers and 125 enlisted men. By the 29 February 1944 the Squadron gained 18 Officers and 20 enlisted men and the squadron strength at the end of this period was, 58 Officers and 145 enlisted men.

During the month of March 1944, the net increase in in strength was 6 Officers and 66 enlisted men, the net decrease, 6 Officers and 9 enlisted Men. The Squadron strength on the 31 March 1944 was 58 Officers and 202 enlisted men. The bulk of the flying schedule was completed during this month,

The organization was transferred, in whole, to Keesler Field, Mississippi on the 1 April 1944. This movement was accomplished by motor vehicle because of the short distance between fields. At Keesler Field, Mississippi, on the 9 April 1944, 1 Officer and 4 enlisted men were assigned and 1 enlisted man relieved and transferred thus filling the Table of Organization for this Squadron. The Table of Organization for this Squadron calls for 59 Officers and 205 enlisted men. On the 9 April 1944, training as prescribed by A.A.F. Standard 130-2 was completed.