

1st AIR BRIGADE (PROVISIONAL)

MISSION

Organized for the purposes of conducting aerial bombing tests against ex-German and decommissioned U.S. Navy warships off the coast of the Chesapeake Bay area.

LINEAGE¹

1st Air Brigade (Provisional) organized, 27 May 1921
Discontinued, 30 Sep 1921

STATIONS

Langley Field, VA, 1921

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

Brig Gen William Mitchell, 27 May 21-30 Sep 21

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

¹ Steven E. Clay. *US Army Order of Battle 1919-1941*. Combat Studies Institute Press. US Army Combined Arms Center. Fort Leavenworth, KS. Nd.

OPERATIONS

The first Air Service aircraft to use radios on a regular basis were the bombers of the 1st Air Brigade (Provisional) which carried voice sets to talk among planes in formation. In addition, each formation's control plane also carried a spark set of longer range to communicate with the station at Langley Field, and the naval base at Norfolk, Virginia, or U. S. naval ships along the line of flight.