

308th OBSERVATION SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

308th Aero Squadron organized, Jul 1918

Demobilized, Dec 1918

308th Squadron (Observation) constituted, 24 June 1921

Initiated, June 1922

Redesignated 308th Observation Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

308th Aero Squadron reconstituted, 24 Nov 1936

308th Aero Squadron and 308th Observation Squadron consolidated, 24 Nov 1936.

Consolidated unit designated 308th Observation Squadron

Disbanded, 31 May 1942

STATIONS

Camp Greene, NC

Garden City, NY, Jul 1918

Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, NY, Jul 1918

AEF, Jul 1918

Garden City, NY,

Not initiated 1921-1922

Port Columbus Airport, Columbus, OH

Norton Field, Columbus, OH, 1922-1941

ASSIGNMENTS

83rd Division, 1922-21 Feb 1929

317th Observation Group, 1 Oct 1933

WEAPON SYSTEMS

PT-3

O-19C

COMMANDERS

Cpt Charles J. Cleary, Jun 1922-29 Sep 1923
1Lt William F. Centner, 29 Sep 1923-1 Jul 1924
Maj T. P. Walker, 1 Jul 1924-Sep 1924
Unknown, Sep 1924-Jun 1930
Maj Charles J. Cleary, Jun 1930-Sep 1930
Unknown, Sep 1930-Dec 1931
Maj William F. Centner, Dec 1931-Jul 1936
Unknown, Jul 1936-Aug 1937
Maj William A. Cahill, Aug 1937-Nov 1937
Maj James L. Zimmerman, Nov 1937-Feb 1938
Unknown, Feb 1938-7 Dec 1941

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Constituted in the Organized Reserve on 24 June 1921 as the 308th Squadron (Observation), assigned to the 83rd Division, and allotted to the Fifth Corps Area. Initiated about June 1922 at Norton Field, Columbus, OH. Redesignated as the 308th Observation Squadron on 25 January 1923. The squadron was one of a few in the Organized Reserve that possessed facilities, equipment, and aircraft. Relieved on 21 February 1929 from assignment to the 83rd Division. Assigned on 1 October 1933 to the 317th Observation Group (XV Corps). Consolidated on 24 November 1936 with the 308th Aero Squadron (Service) (a WWI unit organized in July 1918 at Camp Greene, NC; demobilized in December 1918 at Garden City, NY; reconstituted on 24 November 1936). Conducted summer training at Wright Field, OH, or Selfridge Field, MI. Status: Disbanded on 31 May 1942.

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Sources

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