

311th OBSERVATION SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

311th Squadron (Observation) constituted in the Organized Reserve, 24 Jun 1921
Initiated, 21 Jan 1922
Redesignated 311th Observation Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

311th Aero Squadron organized, Jun 1918
Redesignated Squadron E, March Field, Jul 1918
Demobilized in Nov 1918

Squadron E, March Field reconstituted and consolidated with 311th Observation Squadron, 24
Nov 1936

Disbanded, 31 May 1942

STATIONS

March, CA, Jun-18 Nov 1918
Not initiated 1921-1922
Municipal Airport, Chicago, IL, 1922-1941

ASSIGNMENTS

86th Division 21 Jan 1922-21 Feb 1929
332nd Observation Group, 1 Oct 1933

COMMANDERS

Maj George F. Lee, 21 Jan 1922-10 Mar 1922
Maj Frank A. Stockdale, 22 Jun 1922-Sep 25
Unknown, Sep 1925-Dec 1926
Cpt George J. Brew, Dec 1926-Jun 1929
Unknown, Jun 1929-Jun 1931
Cpt Nelson B. Barrett, Jun 1931-Aug 1931

Unknown, Aug 1931-Jun 1933
Maj Carl N. Goss, Jun 1933-Mar 1939
Unknown, Mar 1939-7 Dec 1941

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

Constituted in the Organized Reserve on 24 June 1921 as the 311th Squadron (Observation), assigned to the 86th Division, and allotted to the Sixth Corps Area. Initiated on 21 January 1922 at the Municipal Airport, Chicago, IL. Redesignated as the 311th Observation Squadron on 25 January 1923. Relieved on 21 February 1929 from assignment to the 86th Division. Assigned on 1 October 1933 to the 332nd Observation Group (XVI Corps). Consolidated on 24 November 1936 with the 311th Aero Squadron (a WWI unit organized in June 1918 at March Field, CA; redesignated as Squadron E, March Field in July 1918; demobilized in November 1918 at March Field, CA; reconstituted on 24 November 1936). Typically conducted Inactive Training Period meetings at the Municipal Airport in Chicago. Conducted summer training at Chanute Field, IL, or Selfridge Field, MI, and for year at Scott Field, IL. Status: Disbanded on 31 May 1942.

Toward the end of the construction period, base facilities were well enough established that additional military personnel could be supported. On the morning of April 29, 1918, the 215th Aero Squadron entrained from San Diego, having been organized as a service squadron at Rockwell. First Lieutenant Joseph H. Thompson was in command. Upon arrival at March, there was nothing but work for this group of men, but they performed their duties without complaint, Trainloads of equipment arrived almost daily for the next six weeks. Early in June, the 68th Aero Squadron appeared on the scene followed closely by the 289th, 293rd, and 311th Aero Squadrons, In July, when actual all-out cadet training began, these five training squadrons were redesignated B, A, C, D, and E respectively. With the construction phase ended, Captain Carruthers was transferred and replaced by Major John C. P. Bartholf on 11 June as post commander and commandant of the flying school. He remained in those positions until July 1919.

Air Force Order of Battle

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