

315th OBSERVATION SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

315th Squadron (Observation), constituted in the Organized Reserve, 24 Jun 1921

Initiated, 9 Jan 1922

Redesignated 315th Observation Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

Aero Squadron (Service) organized, Jul 1918

Demobilized, Dec 1918

Reconstituted, 24 Nov 1936

315th Observation Squadron and Aero Squadron (Service) consolidated, 24 Nov 1936 and designated 315th Observation Squadron

Disbanded, 31 May 1942

STATIONS

Not initiated 1921-22

El Paso, TX, 1922-25

Hensley Field, Dallas, TX, 1925-41

ASSIGNMENTS

90th Division

339th Observation Group, 1 Oct 1933

WEAPON SYSTEMS

O-19B

COMMANDERS

Cpt Maurice U. Blumenthal, 9 Jan 1922

Maj Bernard A. Law, 23 Feb 1923

Cpt Maurice U. Blumenthal, 29 Jun 1923-Jun 1925

Maj Alva W. Snyder, Dec 1925

Maj Sylvanus C. Coon, 12 May 1928
Maj Edgar G. Tobin, Jan 1929
Maj Frank W. Cawthon, 9 Oct 1932
Maj Leland D. Crawford, 15 Jan 1937-Aug 1937
Unknown, Aug 1937-7 Dec 1941

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

Constituted in the Organized Reserve on 24 June 1921 as the 315th Squadron (Observation), assigned to the 90th Division, and allotted to the Eighth Corps Area. Initiated on 9 January 1922 at El Paso, TX. Redesignated as the 315th Observation Squadron on 25 January 1923. Relocated on 15 April 1925 to Hensley Field, Dallas, TX. 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 90th Division. Assigned on 1 October 1933 to the 339th Observation Group (XVIII Corps). Consolidated on 24 November 1936 with the 315th Aero Squadron (Service) (a WWI unit organized in July 1918 at Garden City, NY; demobilized in December 1918 at Garden City, NY; reconstituted on 24 November 1936). Typically conducted Inactive Training Period meetings on Sundays at Biggs Field, Fort Bliss, TX, 1922-25, using the aircraft of the 12th Observation Squadron. Typically conducted Inactive Training Period meetings at Hensley Field 1925-41. Conducted summer training at various locations to include Brooks Field, TX, Dodd Field, TX, Love Field, TX, and Hensley Field. Supported the summer training in July-August 1940 of the 56th Cavalry Brigade at Camp Wolters, TX, and of the 36th Division at Camp Hulen, TX. Status: Disbanded on 31 May 1942.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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