

# 302<sup>nd</sup> OBSERVATION SQUADRON

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

302<sup>nd</sup> Aero Squadron (Service) organized, Jun 1918  
Redesignated Squadron F, Carlstrom Field, Jul 1918  
Demobilized, Nov 1918

302<sup>nd</sup> Squadron (Observation) constituted, 24 Jun 1921  
Initiated, 1 Oct 1921  
Redesignated 302<sup>nd</sup> Observation Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

Squadron F, Carlstrom Field reconstituted and consolidated with 302<sup>nd</sup> Observation Squadron,  
24 Nov 1936. Consolidated unit designated 302<sup>nd</sup> Observation Squadron

Disbanded, 31 May 1942

## STATIONS

Mitchel Field, Garden City, L.I., NY, 1921-1941

## ASSIGNMENTS

Carlstrom Field, TX, Nov 1918  
77th Division, 24 June 1921-21 Feb 1929  
42<sup>nd</sup> Observation Group, 1 Oct 1933-7 May 1937  
307<sup>th</sup> Observation Group, 7 May 1937

## WEAPON SYSTEMS

PT-1  
O-1B

## COMMANDERS

Maj William G. Schauffler, 1 Oct 1921  
Maj George Peabody, 12 Feb 1923  
Maj Stedman S. Hanks, 9 Jan 1924  
Cpt Paul C. Durbin, 8 Mar 1924

Cpt George W. Ryan, 2 Dec 1929  
Maj Malcolm G. Spooner, 27 Jan 1930  
Maj Paul V. Burwell, 22 Sep 1933  
Maj Malcolm G. Spooner, Nov 1934  
Maj Gerald V. Kelley, Aug 1937  
Cpt Thomas R. Putnam, 13 Dec 1940-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 302nd Squadron (Observation), assigned to the 77th Division, and allotted to the Second Corps Area. Initiated on 1 October 1921 at Garden City, L.I., NY. Stationed at Mitchel Field. Redesignated as the 302nd Observation Squadron on 25 January 1923. Relieved on 21 February 1929 from assignment to the 77th Division. Assigned on 1 October 1933 to the 42nd Observation Group (II Corps). Consolidated on 24 November 1936 with the 302nd Aero Squadron (Service) (a WWI unit organized in June 1918; redesignated as Squadron F, Carlstrom Field in July 1918; demobilized in November 1918 at Carlstrom Field, FL; reconstituted on 24 November 1936). Relieved from assignment to the 42nd Observation Group (II Corps) on 7 May 1937 and assigned to the 307th Observation Group (XII Corps). Conducted summer training at Mitchel Field, NY. Designated mobilization station was Mitchel Field, NY. Status: Disbanded on 31 May 1942.

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### Sources

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