

# 309<sup>th</sup> OBSERVATION SQUADRON

## MISSION

### LINEAGE

309<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron  
Organized, Jul 1918  
Demobilized, Dec 1918

309th Squadron (Observation) constituted organized, 24 Jun 1921  
Organized, 13 Nov 1922  
Redesignated 309th Observation Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

309<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron reconstituted 24 Nov 1936

309<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron and 309th Observation Squadron consolidated, 24 Nov 1936. Consolidated unit designated 309<sup>th</sup> 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  
Gormanston  
Tadcaster  
Garden City, NY  
Not initiated 1921-22  
Schoen Field, Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN, 1922-41

### ASSIGNMENTS

84th Division

317th Observation Group, 1 Oct 1933

#### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

O-2C

O-11

PT-3A

O-1B

O-1E

BT-2B

PT-3A

T-2B

PT-1

#### **COMMANDERS**

Maj Harry E. Cross, 13 Nov 1922-Sep 1924

Unknown, Sep 1924-May 1929

Maj H. Weir Cook, May 1929-Feb 1931

Unknown, Feb 1931-Aug 1933

Cpt George W. Vawter, Aug 1933-Dec 1934

Unknown, Dec 1934-Jul 1935

Maj Charles E. Cox, Jr., Jul 1935-Jul 1938

Unknown, Jul 1938-7 Dec 1941

#### **HONORS**

##### **Service Streamers**

##### **Campaign Streamers**

##### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

##### **Decorations**

##### **EMBLEM**

##### **MOTTO**

##### **NICKNAME**

#### **OPERATIONS**

Service Period August 7 to November 1918

Was divided into flights upon arrival.

Constituted in the Organized Reserve on 24 June 1921 as the 309th Squadron (Observation), assigned to the 84th Division, and allotted to the Fifth Corps Area. Cleveland, OH, designated as

headquarters on organization, but the unit was never organized at that location. Organized on 13 November 1922 at Schoen Field, Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN. Redesignated as the 309th Observation Squadron on 25 January 1923. The squadron was one of a few in the Organized Reserve that possessed facilities, equipment, and aircraft. Squadron commander in the late 1920s was World War I ace Major H. Weir Cook. Relieved on 21 February 1929 from assignment to the 84th Division. Assigned on 1 October 1933 to the 317th Observation Group (XV Corps). Consolidated on 24 November 1936 with the 309th 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, and one year at Schoen Field, IN. Status: Disbanded on 31 May 1942.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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