

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

## MISSION

### LINEAGE

313<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron organized, Jul 1918

Demobilized, Aug 1919

313<sup>th</sup> Squadron (Observation) constituted, 24 Jun 1921

Initiated, Jan 1922

Redesignated 313<sup>th</sup> Observation Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

313<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron reconstituted and consolidated with 313<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron, 24 Nov 1936

Inactivated, 2 Oct 1939

Disbanded, 31 May 1942

### STATIONS

Kelly Field, TX

Not initiated 1921-1922

Des Moines, IA, Jan 1922-1926

Sioux City, IA, 26 May 1926-1931

Wold-Chamberlain Field, Minneapolis, MN, 12 Oct 1931-1939

Inactive 1939-41

### ASSIGNMENTS

88th Division, Jan 1922-21 Feb 1929

320th Observation Group, 1 Oct 1933

### COMMANDERS

1Lt Charles W. Baker, Jan 1922

Cpt Herbert O. Koehler, 13 Sep 1922-Oct 1922

Unknown, Oct 1922-May 1925

Maj Clarence M. Young, May 1925-Jun 1929

Cpt James O. Lewis, Apr 1930-Jun 1930

Unknown, Jun 1930-2 Oct 1939  
Inactive, 2 Oct 1939-7 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 313th Squadron (Observation), assigned to the 88th Division, and allotted to the Seventh Corps Area. Initiated in January 1922 at Des Moines, IA. Redesignated as the 313th Observation Squadron on 25 January 1923. Relocated on 26 May 1926 to Sioux City, IA. 1st Lt. Charles Lindburgh was a member of the squadron from June to November 1925. Relieved on 21 February 1929 from assignment to the 88th Division. Relocated on 12 October 1931 to Wold-Chamberlain Field, Minneapolis, MN. Assigned on 1 October 1933 to the 320th Observation Group (XVII Corps). Consolidated on 24 November 1936 with the 313th Aero Squadron (a WWI unit organized in July 1918 at Kelly Field, TX; demobilized in August 1919 at Kelly Field, TX; reconstituted on 24 November 1936). Conducted summer training at Marshall Field, KS, or Richards Field, MO. Inactivated on 2 October 1939 at Minneapolis by relief of personnel. Status: Disbanded on 31 May 1942.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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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.