

328th OBSERVATION SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

328th Aero Squadron organized, 10 Dec 1917

Demobilized, Aug 1919

328th Squadron (Observation) Constituted in the Organized Reserve, 24 Jun 1921

Redesignated 328th Observation Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

328th Aero Squadron reconstituted, 21 Nov 1936

328th Aero Squadron and 328th Observation Squadron consolidated, 21 Nov 1936. Consolidated organization designated 328th Observation Squadron

Disbanded on 31 May 1942.

STATIONS

Kelly Field, TX

Denver, CO, 1921-1936

Brooks Field, TX, 1936-1941

ASSIGNMENTS

103rd Division, 1951-21 Feb 1929

338th Observation Group, 1 Oct 1933

COMMANDERS

Cpt C. G. Mitchell, 29 Nov 1921-9 Jan 1922

Maj Richard D. Gile, 9 Jan 1922-Dec 1924

Maj Charles W. Keene, Dec 1924-Jun 1925

Cpt Rex P. Arthur, Jan 1926-Mar 1926

Maj Lilburn V. Chambers, Nov 1926-12 May 1928

Maj Charles W. Keene, 12 May 1928-Jun 1928

Unknown, Jun 1928-28 Jan 1930

Cpt Fred E. D'Amour, 28 Jan 1930-7 Jul 1931
Maj Cecil G. Sellers, 7 Jul 1931-9 Oct 1932
Maj Louis G. Geisendorf, 9 Oct 1932-18 Nov 1936
LTC Jack H. Lapham, 18 Nov 1936-10 Dec 1936
Maj William C. Lewis, 10 Dec 1936-Jan 1937
Unknown, Jan 1937-7 Dec 1941

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

328th Aero Squadron stands pre-eminent as the most widely known squadron in the Air Service. It was organized November 4th, 1917, under the command of Capt. Lester D. Gardner, for the purpose of handling specially selected men for advanced training at the various factories, institutions, etc. Approximately six thousand men passed through this organization, being assigned to detachments in eighty-four different parts of the United States.

The 328th Aero Squadron was represented at the most noted institutions of learning in the country, among which they be mentioned the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pratt Institute at Brooklyn, N. Y., Dunwoody Institute, Minneapolis, Minn., David Rankin School of Mechanical Arts, St. Louis, Mo., A large majority of these men later received com-missions.

On December 21st, 1917, the command was transferred by Capt. Gardner to 1st Lieut, Eban Stanley, who, on February 11th, 1918, was succeeded by its present commander, 1st Lieut. Irving H. Patterson.

Constituted in the Organized Reserve on 24 June 1921 as the 328th Squadron (Observation), assigned to the 103rd Division, and allotted to the Eighth Corps Area. Initiated on 29 November 1921 at Denver, CO. Redesignated as the 328th Observation Squadron on 25 January 1923. Relieved on 21 February 1929 from assignment to the 103rd Division. Assigned on 1 October 1933 to the 338th Observation Group (XVIII Corps). Relocated on 18 November 1936 to Brooks

Field, TX. Consolidated on 21 November 1936 with the 328th Aero Squadron (a WWI unit organized on 10 December 1917 at Kelly Field, TX,; demobilized in August 1919 at Kelly Field, TX; reconstituted on 21 November 1936). Withdrawn from allotment to the Organized Reserve on 1 January 1938 and allotted to the Regular Army as a RAI unit. Typically conducted Inactive Training Period meetings at the Kitteridge Building in Denver. Conducted summer training at various locations to include Biggs Field, TX, Brooks Field, TX, Dodd Field, TX, Love Field, TX, and Hensley Field, TX. Disbanded on 31 May 1942.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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