

# 353<sup>rd</sup> OBSERVATION SQUADRON

## MISSION

### LINEAGE

353<sup>rd</sup> Aero Squadron (Service) organized, Mar 1918  
Demobilized, May 1919

353<sup>rd</sup> Squadron (Observation) constituted, 29 Jul 1921  
Initiated, 23 Nov 1921  
Redesignated 353<sup>rd</sup> Observation Squadron, 25 Jan 1923  
Inactivated, 10 Feb 1930

353<sup>rd</sup> Aero Squadron (Service) reconstituted and consolidated, 24 Nov 1936. Consolidated unit designated 353<sup>rd</sup> Observation Squadron.

### STATIONS

Kelly Field, TX  
Waco, TX, Mar 1918  
Taliaferro Field, #3, TX, Apr 1918  
Carruthers Field, TX, May 1918  
Garden City, NY, Jul 1918  
Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, NY, Aug 1918  
AEF, Aug 1918  
Mitchel Field, NY  
Poughkeepsie, NY, 1921-1930  
Inactive 1930-1941

### ASSIGNMENTS

XII Corps  
324<sup>th</sup> Observation Group, 31 Mar 1924  
**325<sup>th</sup> Observation Group**

307<sup>th</sup> Observation Group, 1 Oct 1933

### **COMMANDERS**

2Lt Leonard V. Spangberg, 23 Nov 1921-20 Mar 1922

Maj Gordon Reel, 20 Mar 1922-14 Jul 1925

Cpt John M. Hayward, 22 Jul 1925-10 Feb 1930

Inactive, 10 Feb 1930-7 Dec 1941

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

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

#### **Decorations**

### **EMBLEM**

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

Constituted in the Organized Reserve on 29 July 1921 as the 353rd Squadron (Observation), assigned to the XII Corps and allotted to the Second Corps Area. Initiated on 23 November 1921 at Poughkeepsie, NY. Redesignated as the 353rd Observation Squadron on 25 January 1923. Assigned on 31 March 1924 to the 324th Observation Group (XII Corps). Inactivated on 10 February 1930 at Poughkeepsie by relief of personnel. Relieved from assignment to the 325th Observation Group (II Corps) on 1 October 1933 and assigned to the 307th Observation Group (XII Corps). Consolidated on 24 November 1936 with the 353rd Aero Squadron (Service) (a WWI unit organized in March 1918 at Waco Field, TX; demobilized in May 1919 at Mitchel Field, NY; reconstituted on 24 November 1936). Conducted summer training at Mitchel Field, NY. Designated mobilization station was Mitchel Field, NY.

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#### Sources

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