

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

## MISSION

### LINEAGE

459<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron (Construction) organized, Mar 1919

Redesignated 58<sup>th</sup> Spruce Squadron, Jul 1918

Demobilized, Jan 1919

459<sup>th</sup> Squadron (Observation) constituted in the Organized Reserve, 15 Oct 1921

Initiated, 17 Apr 1922

Redesignated 459<sup>th</sup> Observation Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

Inactivated, 19 Sep 1929

58<sup>th</sup> Spruce Squadron reconstituted and consolidated with 459<sup>th</sup> Observation Squadron, 3 Dec 1936. Consolidated organization designated 459<sup>th</sup> Observation Squadron.

Withdrawn from allotment to the Organized Reserve and allotted to the Regular Army as a RAI unit, 1 Jan 1938

Disbanded, 31 May 1942

### STATIONS

Vancouver Barracks, WA

Not initiated 1921-1922

Woodstock Field, Memphis, TN, 1922-1929

Inactive 1929-1941

### ASSIGNMENTS

317<sup>th</sup> Observation Group

### COMMANDERS

Unknown, 17 Apr 1922-27 Jan 1925

1Lt Duncan Potter, 27 Jan 1925-Feb 1925

Unknown, Feb 1925-19 Sep 1929

Inactive, 19 Sep 1929-7 Dec 1941

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Constituted in the Organized Reserve on 15 October 1921 as the 459th Squadron (Observation), assigned to the 317th Observation Group (Second Army), and allotted to the Fourth Corps Area. Initiated on 17 April 1922 at Woodstock Field, Memphis, TN. Redesignated as the 459th Observation Squadron on 25 January 1923. Inactivated on 19 September 1929 at Woodstock Field by relief of personnel. Consolidated on 3 December 1936 with the 459th Aero Squadron (Construction) (a WWI unit organized in March 1919 at Vancouver Barracks, WA; redesignated as the 58th Spruce Squadron in July 1918; demobilized in January 1919 at Vancouver Barracks; reconstituted on 3 December 1936). Withdrawn from allotment to the Organized Reserve on 1 January 1938 and allotted to the Regular Army as a RAI unit. Conducted summer training at Maxwell Field, AL. Designated mobilization training station was Camp Joseph E. Johnston, FL, (later redesignated Camp J. Clifford R. Foster) 1922-30 and Maxwell Field, AL, 1930-41. Status: Disbanded on 31 May 1942.

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### Sources

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