

# 561<sup>st</sup> OBSERVATION SQUADRON

## MISSION

## LINEAGE

143<sup>rd</sup> Observation Squadron constituted in the National Guard, 1 Jun 1921

Placed on the deferred list, 2 Jul 1923

Transferred to the Organized Reserve as a Deferred National Guard unit, and redesignated  
561<sup>st</sup> Observation Squadron, 2 Jul 1923

Initiated, Aug 1927

Withdrawn from allotment to the Organized Reserve and allotted to the Regular Army as a RAI  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

Inactivated, 2 Oct 1939

Disbanded, 31 May 1942

## STATIONS

Not initiated 1921-1927

Wichita, KS, Aug 1927-1939

Inactive 1939-41

## ASSIGNMENTS

339<sup>th</sup> Observation Group, Aug 1927-1 Oct 1933

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

## COMMANDERS

## HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

## EMBLEM

## MOTTO

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Constituted in the National Guard 1 June 1921 as the 143rd Observation Squadron, assigned to the 339th Observation Group (VIII Corps), and allotted to the Eighth Corps Area. Placed on the deferred list on 2 July 1923, transferred to the Organized Reserve as a Deferred National Guard unit, and redesignated as the 561st Observation Squadron. Withdrawn from the Eighth Corps Area on 11 January 1927 and allotted to the Seventh Corps Area. Initiated in August 1927 at Wichita, KS. Relieved from assignment to the 339th Observation Group (VIII Corps) on 1 October 1933 and assigned to the 15th Observation Group (Fourth Army). Conducted summer training at Marshall Field, KS. Withdrawn from allotment to the Organized Reserve on 1 January 1938 and allotted to the Regular Army as a RAI unit. Inactivated on 2 October 1939 at Wichita by relief of personnel. Status: Disbanded on 31 May 1942.

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Air Force Lineage and Honors

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### Sources

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