

861 OBSERVATION SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

861 Observation Squadron constituted in the Organized Reserve, 20 Dec 1928

Initiated, 1 Jul 1929

Disbanded, 31 May 1942

STATIONS

Not initiated 1928-1929

Mitchel Field, Hempstead, LI, NY, 1929-1941

ASSIGNMENTS

61 Cavalry Division

307 Observation Group, 7 May 1937

WEAPON SYSTEMS

O-1

COMMANDERS

1st Lt. Paul A. Sandberg, 4 Nov 1929

Maj Floyd N. Shumaker, 2 Dec 1929

Maj John F. O'Laughlin, 3 Jun 1930

Maj Clayton C. Shangraw, 25 Jun 1931

Maj Paul C. Durbin, 19 Mar 1932-15 Jul 1939

Unknown, 15 Jul 1939-7 Dec 1941

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Constituted in the Organized Reserve on 20 December 1928, assigned to the 61st Cavalry Division, and allotted to the Second Corps Area. Relieved from assignment to the 61st Cavalry Division. Initiated on 1 July 1929 at New York City, NY. Conducted summer training at Mitchel Field, NY. Designated mobilization station was Mitchel Field, NY. Assigned on 7 May 1937 to the 307th Observation Group. Disbanded on 31 May 1942.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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