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

#### MISSION

# LINEAGE

351<sup>st</sup> Aero Squadron (Service) organized, Mar 1918 Demobilized, Apr 1919

351<sup>st</sup> Squadron (Observation) constituted, 29 Jul 1921 Initiated, 16 Nov 1921 Redesignated 351<sup>st</sup> Observation Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

351<sup>st</sup> Aero Squadron (Service) reconstituted and consolidated with 351<sup>st</sup> Observation Squadron, 24 Nov 1936. Consolidated unit designated 351<sup>st</sup> Observation Squadron

Inactivated, 3 Feb 1938

## **STATIONS**

Springfield, MA, 1921-1936 Inactive 1936-1937 Buffalo, NY, 1937-1938 Inactive 1938-1941

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

XI Corps 301<sup>st</sup> Observation Group, 31 Mar 1924

#### **COMMANDERS**

2Lt C. L. Bond, 16 Nov 1921-28 Nov 1921 1Lt Leonard L. Stanley, 28 Nov 1921-Jan 1923 Unknown, Jan 1923-Jan 1925 Cpt George K. Pond, Jan 1925-Dec 1928 Unknown, Dec 1928-Sep 1933 Cpt Byron R. Switzer, Sep 1933-Jan 1934 Unknown, Jan 1934-Jul 1935 Cpt Milton A. Stone, Jul 1935-Oct 1935 Cpt William W. Batchelder, Feb 1936-5 Jun 1936 Inactive, 5 Jun 1936-18 Jun 1937 Maj Burdette S. Wright, 18 Jun 1937-3 Feb 1938 Inactive, 3 Feb 1938-7 Dec 1941

# HONORS

**Service Streamers** 

**Campaign Streamers** 

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers** 

Decorations

**EMBLEM** 

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#### NICKNAME

## **OPERATIONS**

Constituted in the Organized Reserve on 29 July 1921 as the 351st Squadron (Observation), assigned to the XI Corps and allotted to the First Corps Area. Initiated on 16 November 1921, less 2nd Flight, at Springfield, MA. The 2nd Flight organized at Greenfield, MA. Redesignated as the 351st Observation Squadron on 25 January 1923. The 2nd Flight relocated on 28 March 1923 to Pittsfield, MA. Assigned on 31 March 1924 to the 301st Observation Group (XI Corps). Consolidated on 24 November 1936 with the 351st Aero Squadron (Service) (a WWI unit organized in March 1918 at Waco Field, TX; demobilized in April 1919 at Mitchel Field, NY; reconstituted on 24 November 1936). Conducted summer training at Mitchel Field, NY. Withdrawn from the First Corps Area on 5 June 1936 and allotted to the Second Corps Area. Reorganized on 19 June 1937 with squadron headquarters at Buffalo, NY; Flight A at Albany, NY, and Flights B and C at Syracuse, NY. Withdrawn from the Organized Reserve on 1 January 1938 at allotted to the Regular Army. Inactivated on 3 February 1938 at Buffalo by relief of personnel.

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Sources

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