

8 BALLOON SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

Balloon Company No. 8, 1919
Redesignated Airship Company No. 8, 30 Apr 1920
Redesignated 8 Airship Company, 25 Jan 1923
Redesignated 8 Airship Squadron, 1 Oct 1933
Redesignated 8 Balloon Squadron, 17 Jul 1937
Disbanded, 14 May 1943

STATIONS

Camp Lee, VA, 8 May 1919
Brooks Field, TX, 23 May 1919
Camp Owen Bierne, TX, 1919-1920
Biggs Field, TX, 15 Nov 1919
Brooks Field, TX, 26 Sep 1921
Scott Field, IL, 1 Jul 1922
Chicago, IL, 1930-1932
Inactive 1932-1934
Chicago, IL, 1934-1941

ASSIGNMENTS

1 (later 21) Airship Group
21 Balloon Group, 17 July 1937

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-1
C-2
USZD-1
TC-6-241

TC-10-242
TC-10-253
TC-11-271

COMMANDERS

1st Lt Byron T. Burt, Nov 1919
1st Lt Don L. Hutchins, 14 Jun 1922
1st Lt William J. Flood, 26 Jun 1922
Capt Lester T. Miller, 6 Oct 1922
Capt Charles M. Savage, 1 Mar 1924
1st Lt Orvil A. Anderson, 11 Feb 1926
1st Lt George A. Lundberg, 1 Jan 1928
Capt Lester T. Miller, 18 Jun 1928
1st Lt William R. Turnbull, 13 Mar 1929
Unknown, 19 May 1930
Inactive, Jun 1932
Unknown, Jun 1934-7 Dec 1941

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Arrived at the port of Newport News, VA, on 4 May 1919 on the U.S.S. Susquehanna as Balloon Company No. 8. Transferred to Camp Lee, VA, and arrived there on 8 May 1919. Transferred on 23 May 1919 to Brooks Field, TX. Transferred on 15 November 1919 to Camp Owen Bierne, TX, (redesignated Biggs Field in 1920). Redesignated as the Airship Company No. 8 on 30 April 1920. Transferred on 26 September 1921 to Brooks Field, TX. Transferred on 1 July 1922 to Scott Field, IL. Assigned on 19 July 1922 to the 1st (later redesignated 21st) Airship Group. Redesignated as the 8th Airship Company on 25 January 1923. Inactivated on 19 May 1930 at Scott Field, IL, and allotted to the Sixth Corps Area. Organized by June 1930 with Organized Reserve personnel as a RAI unit at Chicago, IL. Inactivated by June 1932 at Chicago by relief of personnel. Redesignated as the 8th Airship Squadron on 1 October 1933. Reorganized by April 1934 with Organized Reserve personnel as a RAI unit with headquarters at Chicago, IL. Redesignated as the the 8th Balloon Squadron on 17 July 1937 and assigned to the 21st Balloon

Group. Designated mobilization training station was Scott Field, IL, 1930-37 and Pope Field, NC, 1937-41.

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Sources

US Army Order of Battle 1919-1941. Steven E. Clay. Combat Studies Institute Press. US Army Combined Arms Center. Fort Leavenworth, KS. Nd.