

# **8<sup>th</sup> BALLOON SQUADRON**

## **LINEAGE**

Balloon Company No. 8, 1919  
Redesignated Airship Company No. 8, 30 Apr 1920  
Redesignated 8<sup>th</sup> Airship Company, 25 Jan 1923  
Redesignated 8<sup>th</sup> Airship Squadron, 1 Oct 1933  
Redesignated 8<sup>th</sup> 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**

1st (later redesignated 21st) Airship Group  
21st 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

## **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS**

## **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES**

## **UNIT COLORS**

## **COMMANDERS**

1Lt Byron T. Burt, Nov 1919  
1Lt Don L. Hutchins, 14 Jun 1922  
1Lt William J. Flood, 26 Jun 1922  
Cpt Lester T. Miller, 6 Oct 1922  
Cpt Charles M. Savage, 1 Mar 1924  
1Lt Orvil A. Anderson, 11 Feb 1926  
1Lt George A. Lundberg, 1 Jan 1928  
Cpt Lester T. Miller, 18 Jun 1928  
1Lt 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

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