Flying Instructor, 1919-1927 & 1943-1947



Changes 7 to Special Regulation 42, dated January 25, 1919, created the Flying Instructor Insignia. The device was the 1-1/2 inches wide wing as worn on the collar, but without the propeller. It was to be worn "just above the right cuff on all coats." On December 1, 1927 Changes Number 1, to AR 600-35, rescinded the Flying Instructors insignia. Although a metal wing was prescribed, most men wore a bullion embroidered wing on their coat sleeve. The above insignia is 1-1/2 inches long and was used between 1924 and 1927.

In March 1943 the War Department revived the insignia, this time two inches long, "Gold wings in silk…" although many were machine embroidered in cotton (Change 14, AR 600-35).