

449 PURSUIT SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

449 Aero Squadron (Construction) organized, Feb 1918

Redesignated 55 Spruce Squadron, Jul 1918

Demobilized, Jan 1919

449 Squadron (Pursuit) constituted in the Organized Reserve, 15 Oct 1921

Initiated, 23 Nov 1921

Redesignated 449 Pursuit Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

55 Spruce Squadron reconstituted and consolidated with 449 Pursuit Squadron, 25 November 1936. Consolidated organization designated 449 Pursuit Squadron

Disbanded, 31 May 1942

STATIONS

Vancouver Barracks, Washington

South Bend, Washington, Feb 1918

Vancouver Barracks, Washington, Dec 1918

Albany, New York, 1921-1941

ASSIGNMENTS

314 Pursuit Group

302 Pursuit Group, 1 October 1933

COMMANDERS

1st Lt Francis U. Wilcox, 23 Nov 1921-Jan 1922

1st Lt Edward M. Ogden, Apr 1922

Capt Miner C. Markham 21 Oct 1922-Jul 1923

Unknown, Jul 1923-8 May 1925
Capt James D. Francis, 8 May 1925- Jun 1925
Unknown, Jun 1925-Jul 1927
1st Lt Victor P Pennington, Jul 1927-Jun 1928
Unknown, Jul 27-Aug 1929
Maj Robert L. Copsey, Aug 1929-1 Aug 1930
Maj Glenn M. Pike 19 Sep 1930
Maj Donald Hudson, 8 Mar 1932
Maj Roy W. Ammel, 5 Apr 1935-Jan 1937
Unknown, Jan 1937-7 Dec 1941

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Constituted in the Organized Reserve on 15 October 1921 as the 449th Squadron (Pursuit), assigned to the 314th Pursuit Group (First Army), and allotted to the Second Corps Area. Initiated on 23 November 1921 at Albany, NY. Redesignated as the 449th Pursuit Squadron on 25 January 1923. Relieved from assignment to the First Army 31 March 1924 and assigned to the General Headquarters Reserve. Relieved from assignment to the 314th Pursuit Group on 1 October 1933 and assigned to the 302nd Pursuit Group. Consolidated on 25 November 1936 with the 449th Aero Squadron (Construction) (a WWI unit organized in February 1918 at Vancouver Barracks, WA; redesignated as the 55th Spruce Squadron in July 1918; demobilized in January 1919 at Vancouver Barracks; reconstituted on 25 November 1936). Conducted summer training at Mitchel Field, NY. Status: Disbanded on 31 May 1942.

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Sources

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