

493 BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

45 Aero Squadron organized, Jul 1917
Redesignated 81 Aero Squadron, Aug 1917
Redesignated 81 Aero Squadron (Construction), Sep 1917
Redesignated 493 Aero Squadron (Construction), Feb 1918
Demobilized, Jan 1919

493 Bombardment Squadron constituted in the Organized Reserve, 31 Mar 1924
Initiated, 8 Sep 1926
Inactivated, 1 Dec 1929

493 Aero Squadron (Construction) reconstituted and consolidated with 493 Bombardment Squadron, 5 Dec 1936. Consolidated organization designated 493 Bombardment Squadron

Disbanded, 31 May 1942

STATIONS

Kelly Field, TX
Garden City, NY, Nov 1917
Port of Hoboken, NY, Nov 1917
AEF, Nov 1917
Camp Devens, MA
Not initiated 1924-1926
Racine, WI, 1926-1929
Inactive 1929-1937
Milwaukee, WI, 1937-1941

ASSIGNMENTS

350 Bombardment Group

COMMANDERS

Maj Fred W. Sizer, 8 Sep 1926-1 Dec 1929

Inactive, 1 Dec 1929-28 Jul 1937
Unknown, 28 Jul 1937-7 Dec 1941

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Constituted in the Organized Reserve on 31 March 1924, assigned to the 350th Bombardment Group (GHQR), and allotted to the Sixth Corps Area. Initiated on 8 September 1926 at Racine, WI. Inactivated on 1 December 1929 at Racine by relief of personnel. Consolidated on 5 December 1936 with the 493rd Aero Squadron (a WWI unit organized in July 1917 at Kelly Field, TX, as the 45th Aero Squadron; redesignated as the 81st Aero Squadron August 1917; redesignated as the 493rd Aero Squadron [Construction] in February 1918; demobilized in January 1919 at Camp Devens, MA; reconstituted on 5 December 1936). Reorganized on 28 July 1937 at Milwaukee, WI. Conducted summer training at various locations to include Selfridge Field, MI, Chanute Field, IL, and Scott Field, IL.

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