# **144 SPRUCE SQUADRON**

#### MISSION

LINEAGE 144 Spruce Squadron organized, Sep 1918 Demobilized Jan 1919

### **STATIONS**

Vancouver Barracks, WA, Joyce, WA, Sep 1918 Vancouver, Barracks, WA, Dec 1918

## ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS Service Streamers

**Campaign Streamers** 

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers** 

Decorations

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### **OPERATIONS**

The 144 Spruce Squadron was formed in September 1918 at Vancouver Barracks. In the same month, they were transferred to Joyce, Washington, Siems, Carey-H.S. Kerbaugh Co. The town of Joyce, as well as a post office specially opened at Siemscary, were the main centers of operation of a major railroad construction project to reach the huge stands of spruce near the area currently bounded by Olympic National Park. This project involved over 3,000 soldiers located at many camps within Clallam County. In December 1918, they returned to Vancouver Barracks, and were mustered out of the Army in January 1919.

Unit had 3 officers and 135 enlisted men.

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