

# 449<sup>th</sup> PURSUIT SQUADRON

## MISSION

### LINEAGE

449<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron (Construction) organized, Feb 1918  
Redesignated 55<sup>th</sup> Spruce Squadron, Jul 1918  
Demobilized, Jan 1919

449<sup>th</sup> Squadron (Pursuit) constituted in the Organized Reserve, 15 Oct 1921  
Initiated, 23 Nov 1921  
Redesignated 449<sup>th</sup> Pursuit Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

55<sup>th</sup> Spruce Squadron reconstituted and consolidated with 449<sup>th</sup> Pursuit Squadron, 25  
November 1936. Consolidated organization designated 449<sup>th</sup> Pursuit Squadron

Disbanded, 31 May 1942

### STATIONS

Vancouver Barracks, WA  
Albany, NY, 1921-1941

### ASSIGNMENTS

314<sup>th</sup> Pursuit Group  
302<sup>nd</sup> Pursuit Group, 1 October 1933

### COMMANDERS

1Lt Francis U. Wilcox, 23 Nov 1921-Jan 1922  
1Lt Edward M. Ogden, Apr 1922  
Cpt Miner C. Markham 21 Oct 1922-Jul 1923  
Unknown, Jul 1923-8 May 1925  
Cpt James D. Francis, 8 May 1925- Jun 1925

Unknown, Jun 1925-Jul 1927  
1Lt 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**

### **EMBLEM**

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

## **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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Air Force Order of Battle

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### **Sources**

*US Army Order of Battle 1919-1941*. Steven E. Clay. Combat Studies Institute Press. US Army Combined Arms Center. Fort Leavenworth, KS. Nd.