

465th PURSUIT SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

465th Squadron (Attack) constituted in the Organized Reserve, 15 Oct 1921
Initiated, Jan 1922
Redesignated 465th Pursuit Squadron, 25 Jan 1923
Demobilized, 1 Oct 1933

STATIONS

Not initiated 1921-1922
Bowman Field, Louisville, KY, 1922-1930
Inactive 1930-1933

ASSIGNMENTS

318th Pursuit Group

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

Cpt L. Stuart Vance, Jan 1922-Sep 1923
Unknown, Sep 1923-1 Oct 1933

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

Constituted in the Organized Reserve on 15 October 1921 as the 465th Squadron (Attack), assigned to the 318th Pursuit Group (GHQR), and allotted to the Fifth Corps Area. Initiated in January 1922 at Louisville, KY. The squadron was one of a few in the Organized Reserve that possessed facilities, equipment, and aircraft. The squadron's equipment was stationed at Bowman Field in Louisville. Redesignated as the 465th Pursuit Squadron on 25 January 1923. Conducted summer training at Selfridge Field, MI, and some years at Schoen Field, IN, or Camp Perry, OH. Demobilized on 1 October 1933. Personnel and equipment transferred to the 325th Observation Squadron.

Bowman, Park, and Louisville Mayor Huston Quinn were among the 18 men who founded the Aero Club. In 1922 a Louisville delegation including Mayor Huston Quinn, Abram Bowman and others approached the Army about establishing a base at Bowman Field. The mayor had gone to Washington to ask President Warren Harding to put Louisville on the "Army Airways." The Army agreed to lease more of the Von Zedwitz property and formed an Air Corps Reserve unit -- the 456th Pursuit Squadron.

Later in the year Bowman's lease on the property was taken over by the Army. The airfield then became the home of the 465th Army Pursuit Squadron, Army Air Service Reserve. Bowman Field was officially dedicated on August 25, 1923, and the Squadron remained the airfield's principal tenant for the next five years.

The primary aircraft flown by the 465th until at least 1927 was the Curtiss JN Jenny. The commander of the 465th was Louisville native Captain Ledcreich Stuart Vance, Air Corps Reserve.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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