

44 RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

44 Aero Squadron organized, 30 Jun 1917

Redesignated Squadron K, Wilbur Wright Field, Ohio, Oct 1918

Redesignated Squadron P, Wilbur Wright Field, Ohio, Nov 1918

Demobilized, 30 Apr 1919

44 Squadron authorized, 10 Jun 1922

Organized, 26 Jun 1922

Redesignated 44 Observation Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

Squadron P, Wilbur Wright Field, Ohio reconstituted and consolidated with 44 Observation Squadron, 1924

Inactivated, 31 Jul 1927

Activated, 1 Apr 1931

Redesignated 44 Reconnaissance Squadron, 1 Sep 1937

Redesignated 44 Reconnaissance Squadron (Medium Range), 6 Dec 1939

Redesignated 44 Reconnaissance Squadron (Heavy), 20 Nov 1940

Redesignated 430 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy), 22 Apr 1942

Redesignated 430 Bombardment Squadron (Very Heavy), 28 Mar 1944

Inactivated, 10 May 1944

Activated, 1 Jun 1944

Inactivated, 15 Apr 1946

44 Reconnaissance Squadron

STATIONS

Camp Kelly, TX, 30 Jun 1917
Wilbur Wright Field, OH, 25 Aug 1917-30 Apr 1919
Post Field, OK, 26 Jun 1922
March Field, CA, 25 Jun-31 Jul 1927
France Field, CZ, 1 Apr 1931
Albrook Field, CZ, 13 May 1932
Howard Field, CZ, 8 Jul-27 Oct 1941
Atkinson Field, British Guiana, 4 Nov 1941
Orlando AB, FL, 31 Oct 1942
Brooksville AAFld, FL, 6 Jan 1944
Orlando AB, FL, 25 Feb 1944
Dalhart AAFld, TX, 6 Mar-10 May 1944
Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, 1 Jun 1944
Dalhart AAFld, TX, 5 Jun 1944
Grand Island AAFld, NE, 26 Sep 1944-7 Apr 1945
Northwest Field, Guam, 12 May 1945-15 Apr 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

Unkn, 1917-1919
Eighth Corps Area, 26 Jun 1922 (attached to Field Artillery School, Aug 1922)
Air Corps Training Center, Jun-31 Jul 1927
6 Composite Group, 1 Apr 1931 (attached to 16 Pursuit Group, Dec 1932)
16 Pursuit Group, assigned, 1 Sep 1937, and attached, 1 Feb 1940
9 Bombardment Group, attached, 20 Nov 1940, and assigned 25 Feb 1942- 10 May 1944
502 Bombardment Group, 1 Jun 1944-15 Apr 1946

WEAPON SYSTEMS

SJ-1
JN-4
DH-4
O-2
O-19, 1932-1937
O-19C
O-19D
B-10, 1936-1937
B-10B
OA-4 1931-1939
B-18, 1938-1942
B-18B
B-17, 1943-1944
B-24, 1943-1944

B-25 1943-1944
B-25C
B-26, 1943-1944
B-26C
C-73 1943-1944
B-29, 1944-1946

COMMANDERS

Maj Thomas G. Lanphier, 26 Jun 1922
Capt Richard H. Ballard, 7 Sep 1924
1st Lt Cornelius J. Kenney, 1 Jun 1927
Inactive, 31 Jul 27-1 Apr 1931
1st Lt Arnold H. Rich, 1 Apr 1931
1st Lt James M. Bevans, 22 Jul 1931
Capt Robert D. Knapp, 3 Sep 1931
Capt Jasper K. McDuffie, 25 Nov 1931
Maj Eugene A. Lohman, 17 May 1932
Capt Jasper K. McDuffie, 1 Oct 1932
2nd Lt John L. Nedwed, 16 Mar 1933
1st Lt Charles P. Cabell, 1 Jun 1933
Capt Jasper K. McDuffie, 1 Oct 1933
1st Lt Cornelius E. O' Connor, 1 Jul 1934
1st Lt Carl J. Crane, 1 Aug 1934
1st Lt Guy B. Henderson, 7 Nov 1934
Capt George H. Beverly, 5 Feb 1935
Maj Warner B. Gates, 1 Mar 1935
Capt George A. Ross, 17 May 1936
1st Lt Herbert E. Rice, 1 Jul 1936
1st Lt Allen W. Reed, 29 Oct 1936
1st Lt Robert O. Cork, 21 Apr 1937
1st Lt Trenholm J. Meyer, 15 Apr 1938
1st Lt Norman B. Olsen, 12 Mar 1939
Capt Forrest G. Allen, Feb 1940
Maj Richard T. King, Jr., Oct 1941

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Antisubmarine, American Theater
Air Offensive, Japan
Eastern Mandates
Western Pacific

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation

Japan, 5-15 Aug 1945

EMBLEM



An Indian in war bonnet in silhouette couped at the breast, arm raised, hand shading eyes, in blue on a yellow disc piped with red. (Approved, 20 Jan 1925)



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OPERATIONS

Evidently flying training unit during period 1917-1919. Good-will flight to Guatemala, 7-12 Feb 1938. Antisubmarine patrols, and reconnaissance of Vichy French fleet at Martinique, Dec

1941-Oct 1942. Unmanned, Nov 1942-Mar 1943. Tested equipment, Apr 1943-Feb 1944.
Combat in Western Pacific, 1 Aug-15 Aug 1945.

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