

409 ATTACK SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

409 Squadron (Attack) constituted, 15 Oct 1921
Redesignated 409 Attack Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

409 Aero Squadron (Construction) organized, Nov 1917
Redesignated 3 Spruce Squadron (Construction), Jul 1918
Demobilized, Feb 1919
Reconstituted, 30 Nov 1936

409 Attack Squadron and 3 Spruce Squadron (Construction) consolidated, 30 Nov 1936
Consolidated organization retained 409 Attack Squadron designation.

Disbanded, 31 May 1942

STATIONS

Vancouver Barracks, WA
Erie, PA, 1921-1923
Washington, DC, 1923-1941

ASSIGNMENTS

305 Attack Group

COMMANDERS

Unknown, 15 Dec 1921
2nd Lt Ralph W. Barnes, 21 Apr 1922

1st Lt William O. Jacob, Oct 1922
Unknown, Jan 1923
Capt Dennis Mulligan, 22 Sep 1925
Capt Merrill K. Riddick, 11 Feb 1926
Capt Luke Christopher, 9 Jul 1926
Unknown, Jul 1928
Capt Lawrence H. Richards, Jun 1930
Capt Eugene L. Vidal, 30 Dec 1930
Maj Bennett A. Molter, 1 Dec 1931
Chester A. Snow, Jr., 27 Dec 1932
Maj Roy E. Whitehead, Jul 1934
Unknown, Aug 1936
Capt Joseph T. Shumate, Nov 1937
Unknown, 13 Dec 1937-7 Dec 1941

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Constituted in the Organized Reserve on 15 October 1921 as the 409th Squadron (Attack), assigned to the 305th Attack Group (Fifth Army), and allotted to the Third Corps Area. Initiated on 15 December 1921 at Erie, PA. Relocated by April 1923 to Washington, DC. The squadron's equipment was stationed at Bolling Field, DC. Redesignated as the 409th Attack Squadron on 25 January 1923. Consolidated on 30 November 1936 with the 409th Aero Squadron (Construction) (a WWI unit organized in November 1917 at Vancouver Barracks, WA; redesignated as the 3rd Spruce Squadron [Construction] in July 1918; demobilized in February 1919 at Vancouver Barracks; reconstituted on 30 November 1936). Conducted summer training at Langley Field, VA.

Officers of the 409th Attack Squadron began to arrive at Langley Field, VA for two weeks of annual training, 29 Jul. 34 officers assigned or attached to the squadron arrived at Langley for their two weeks of annual training. 30 Jul 1927.

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Sources

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