

# 443<sup>rd</sup> PURSUIT SQUADRON

## MISSION

### LINEAGE

443<sup>rd</sup> Aero Squadron (Construction) organized, Jan 1918

Redesignated 11<sup>th</sup> Spruce Squadron, Jul 1918

Demobilized, Feb 1919

443<sup>rd</sup> Squadron (Pursuit) constituted in the Organized Reserve, 15 Oct 1921

Initiated, 3 Jan 1922

Redesignated 443<sup>rd</sup> Pursuit Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

11<sup>th</sup> Spruce Squadron reconstituted and consolidated with 443<sup>rd</sup> Pursuit Squadron, 25 Nov 1936. Consolidated organization designated 443<sup>rd</sup> Pursuit Squadron.

Disbanded, 31 May 1942

### STATIONS

Vancouver Barracks, WA

Roxbury, MA, 1921-1936

Inactive 1936-1941

### ASSIGNMENTS

313<sup>th</sup> Pursuit Group

### COMMANDERS

2Lt R. C. Van Arsdale, 3 Jan 1922-9 Mar 1922

1Lt Edward S. Clark, 9 Mar 1922-Dec 1922

Unknown, Dec 1922-Jul 1924

1Lt George H. Lusk, Jul 1924-Apr 1925

Unknown, Apr 1925-Dec 1926

Cpt Chester E. Wright, Dec 1926-27 Feb 1927

Unknown, 27 Feb 1927-Sep 1935

Cpt Clarence J. A' Hearn, Sep 1935-5 Jun 1936

Inactive, 5 Jun 1936-7 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 443rd Squadron (Pursuit), assigned to the 313th Pursuit Group (First Army), and allotted to the First Corps Area. Initiated on 3 January 1922 at Roxbury, MA. Redesignated as the 443rd Pursuit Squadron on 25 January 1923. Relieved from assignment to the First Army 31 March 1924 and assigned to the General Headquarters Reserve. Withdrawn from the First Corps Area on 5 June 1936 and allotted to the Second Corps Area. Consolidated on 25 November 1936 with the 443rd Aero Squadron (Construction) (a WWI unit organized in January 1918 at Vancouver Barracks, WA; redesignated as the 11th Spruce Squadron in July 1918; demobilized in February 1919 at Vancouver Barracks; reconstituted on 25 November 1936). Allotted to the Syracuse District, Northern New York Reserve Area 5 April 1937. Status: Disbanded on 31 May 1942.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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