

470 ATTACK SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

58 Aero Squadron (Construction) organized, Aug 1917
Redesignated 470 Aero Squadron (Construction), Feb 1918
Demobilized, Dec 1918

470 Squadron (Attack) constituted, 15 Oct 1921
Redesignated 470 Attack Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

470 Aero Squadron (Construction) reconstituted and consolidated with 470 Attack Squadron, 3 Dec 1936. Consolidated organization designated 470 Attack Squadron.

Disbanded, 31 May 1942

STATIONS

Kelly Field, Texas
Garden City, New York
Not initiated 1921-1922
Chicago, Illinois, 1922-1941

ASSIGNMENTS

319 Attack Group
309 Attack Group, 1 Oct 1933

COMMANDERS

1st Lt Ernest L. Byfield, 22 Jun 1922
Capt James J. Knowles, 1 Jul 1922
Unknown, Sep 1922
Capt Kenneth T. Price, May 1924
Unknown, Jun 1924-7 Dec 1941

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Departed U.S. as 58 Aero Squadron but changed to new designation upon arrival overseas. This unit first landed at Le Havre, France and was shipped to Romsey Camp, England on February 6 where it remained until sent to Lopcombe Comer on February 20.

Constituted in the Organized Reserve on 15 October 1921 as the 470th Squadron (Attack), assigned to the 319th Attack Group (GHQR), and allotted to the Sixth Corps Area. Initiated on 4 May 1922 at Chicago, IL. Redesignated as the 470th Attack Squadron on 25 January 1923. Relieved from assignment to the 319th Attack Group (GHQR) on 1 October 1933 and assigned to the 309th Attack Group (GHQR). Consolidated on 3 December 1936 with the 470th Aero Squadron (Construction) (a WWI unit organized in August 1917 as the 56th Aero Squadron [Construction] at Kelly Field, TX; redesignated as the 470th Aero Squadron [Construction] in February 1918; demobilized in December 1918 at Garden City, NY; reconstituted on 3 December 1936). Typically conducted Inactive Training Period meetings at the Municipal Airport in Chicago. Conducted summer training at Selfridge Field, MI, and some years at Chanute Field, IL. Designated mobilization station was Chanute Field, IL.

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