

476 PURSUIT SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

64 Aero Squadron organized, 11 Aug 1917

Redesignated 64 Aero Squadron (Construction), Sep 1917

Redesignated 476 Aero Squadron (Construction), Feb 1918

Demobilized, 23 Dec 1918

476 Squadron (Pursuit) constituted in the Organized Reserve, 15 Oct 1921

Initiated, 14 Feb 1922

Redesignated 476 Pursuit Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

Inactivated, 19 Mar 1930

476 Aero Squadron (Construction) reconstituted and consolidated with 476 Pursuit Squadron, 24 Jan 1931. Consolidated organization designated 476 Pursuit Squadron.

Demobilized, 1 Oct 1933

STATIONS

Kelly Field, Texas

Camp Morrison, Virginia, Dec 1917

Port of Embarkation, Newport News, Virginia, Jan 1918

AEF, Jan 1918

Garden City, New York

Not initiated 1921-1922

Eugene, Oregon, 14 Feb 1922-1930

Inactive 1930-1933

ASSIGNMENTS

322 Pursuit Group

WEAPON SYSTEMS

PT-1

COMMANDERS

2nd Lt Frederic F. T. Watson, 14 Feb 1922
Unknown, Mar 1922
Capt Peyton Gibson, Jan 1925
1st Lt H. B. Pentland, Mar 25-Aug 1925
Unknown, Aug 1925-Nov 1929
1st Lt Rufus J. Pilcher, Nov 1929-19 Mar 1930
Inactive, 19 Mar 1930-7 Dec 1941

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

Black Falcons

OPERATIONS

Constituted in the Organized Reserve on 15 October 1921 as the 476th Squadron (Pursuit), assigned to the 322nd Pursuit Group (Third Army), and allotted to the Ninth Corps Area. Initiated on 14 February 1922 at Eugene, OR. Redesignated as the 476th Pursuit Squadron on 25 January 1923. Relieved from assignment to the Third Army on 31 March 1924 and assigned to the General Headquarters Reserve. The squadron adopted the nickname "Black Falcons" in 1925. Sid Grauman, of Grauman's Chinese Theater, was a unit sponsor in the 1920s. Inactivated on 19 March 1930 at Eugene by relief of personnel. Los Angeles, CA, designated as headquarters on reorganization, but the unit was never organized at that location. Consolidated on 24 January 1931 with the 476th Aero Squadron (a WWI unit organized 11 August 1917 at Kelly Field, TX, as the 64th Aero Squadron; redesignated as the 476th Aero Squadron [Construction] in February 1918; demobilized on 23 December 1918 at Garden City, NY; reconstituted on 24 January 1931). Conducted summer training at Clover Field, CA, and Rockwell Field, CA. Demobilized on 1 October 1933.

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