

421 PURSUIT SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

421 Aero Squadron (Construction) organized, Jan 1918

Redesignated 45 Spruce Squadron, Jul 1918

Demobilized, Jan 1919

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

Initiated, Apr 1922

Redesignated 421 Pursuit Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

45 Spruce Squadron reconstituted and consolidated with 421 Pursuit Squadron, 2 Dec 1936.

Consolidated organization designated 421 Pursuit Squadron.

Disbanded, 31 May 1942

STATIONS

Vancouver Barracks, WA

Carlisle, WA, Jan 1918

Vancouver Barracks, WA, Nov 1918

Not initiated 1921-1922

Belleville, IL, 1922-1925

East St. Louis, IL, 1925-1932

Detroit, MI, 1932-1941

ASSIGNMENTS

308 Pursuit Group

COMMANDERS

1st Lt Guy L. Farquhar, Apr 1922-Jan 1923

Unknown, Jan 1923-7 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 421st Squadron (Pursuit), assigned to the 308th Pursuit Group (Fifth Army), and allotted to the Sixth Corps Area. Initiated in April 1922 at Belleville, IL. Redesignated as the 421st Pursuit Squadron on 25 January 1923. Relocated on 2 June 1925 to East St. Louis, IL. Relocated on 15 January 1932 to Detroit, MI. Consolidated on 2 December 1936 with the 421st Aero Squadron (Construction) (a WWI unit organized in January 1918 at Vancouver Barracks, WA; redesignated as the 45th Spruce Squadron in July 1918; demobilized in January 1919 at Vancouver Barracks; reconstituted on 2 December 1936). Conducted summer training at Selfridge Field, MI, or Chanute Field, IL. Status: Disbanded on 31 May 1942.

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Sources

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