

456th PURSUIT SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

456th Aero Squadron (Construction) organized, Feb 1918

Redesignated 72nd Spruce Squadron, Jul 1918

Demobilized, Jan 1919

456th Squadron (Pursuit) constituted in the Organized Reserve, 15 Oct 1921

Initiated, 25 Apr 1922

Redesignated 456th Pursuit Squadron, 25 Jan 1923

72nd Spruce Squadron reconstituted and consolidated with 456th Pursuit Squadron, 25 Nov 1936. Consolidated organization designated 456th Pursuit Squadron.

Disbanded, 31 May 1942

STATIONS

Vancouver Barracks, WA

Clatsop, OR, OR, Feb 1918

Vancouver Barracks, WA, Dec 1918

Not initiated 1921-1922

Woodstock Field, Memphis, TN, 1922-1931

Shreveport, LA, 1931-19 41

ASSIGNMENTS

316th Pursuit Group

COMMANDERS

1Lt William C. Niell, 25 Apr 1922-May 1922

Unknown, May 1922-Jan 1936
Maj. Eugene Stevens, Jan 1936-25 Nov 1936
Unknown 25 Nov 1936-7 Dec 1941

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

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OPERATIONS

Constituted in the Organized Reserve on 15 October 1921 as the 456th Squadron (Pursuit), assigned to the 316th Pursuit Group (GHQR), and allotted to the Fourth Corps Area. Initiated on 25 April 1922 at Woodstock Field, Memphis, TN. Redesignated as the 456th Pursuit Squadron on 25 January 1923. Relocated on 14 January 1931 to Shreveport, LA. Relieved 1 October 1933 from the 316th Pursuit Group. Consolidated on 25 November 1936 with the 456th Aero Squadron (Construction) (a WWI unit organized in February 1918 at Vancouver Barracks, WA; redesignated as the 72nd Spruce Squadron in July 1918; demobilized in January 1919 at Vancouver Barracks; reconstituted on 25 November 1936). Conducted summer training at Maxwell Field, AL, and Candler Field, GA. Designated mobilization training station was Camp Joseph E. Johnston, FL, (later redesignated Camp J. Clifford R. Foster) 1922-30 and Maxwell Field, AL, 1930-41. Status: Disbanded on 31 May 1942.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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