

478th PURSUIT SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

478th Squadron (Pursuit) constituted in the Organized Reserve, 15 Oct 1921

Initiated, 14 Feb 1922

Demobilized, 1 Oct 1933

STATIONS

Not initiated 1921-1922

Municipal Airport, Long Beach, CA, 1922-1933

ASSIGNMENTS

322nd Pursuit Group

WEAPON SYSTEMS

PT-1

COMMANDERS

Cpt William A. Frye, 14 Feb 1922-Feb 1928

Cpt Lysle R. Bass, Jan 1929-1 Oct 1933

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 478th Squadron (Pursuit), assigned to the 322nd Pursuit Group (Third Army), and allotted to the Ninth Corps Area. Initiated on 14 February 1922 at the Los Angeles Municipal Airport, Long Beach, CA. Redesignated as the 478th Pursuit Squadron on 25 January 1923. Relieved from assignment to the Third Army 31 March 1924 and assigned to the General Headquarters Reserve. Squadron members designated Hollywood actress Bebe Daniels as the honorary major of the squadron in 1931. Miss Daniels returned the honor by personally outfitting the squadron's meeting rooms at the Long Beach Municipal Airport at her own expense. Conducted summer training at Clover Field, CA, and Rockwell Field, CA. Demobilized on 1 October 1933. Personnel concurrently transferred to the 479th Pursuit Squadron.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

US Army Order of Battle 1919-1941. Steven E. Clay. Combat Studies Institute Press. US Army Combined Arms Center. Fort Leavenworth, KS. Nd.