

# 488 FIGHTER SQUADRON

## MISSION

### LINEAGE

9 Observation Squadron (Medium) constituted, 5 Feb 1942  
Activated, 2 Mar 1942  
Redesignated 9 Observation Squadron, 4 Jul 1942  
Inactivated, 18 Oct 1942  
Activated, 1 Mar 1943  
Redesignated 9 Reconnaissance Squadron (Fighter), 2 Apr 1943  
Redesignated 488 Fighter Squadron, 11 Aug 1943  
Disbanded, 1 May 1944

### STATIONS

Newark Mun Aprt, NJ, 2 Mar 1942  
Ft Dix, NJ, 26 Apr 1942  
Birmingham Mun Aprt, AL, 18 Oct 1942  
Ft Myers, FL, 1 Mar 1943  
Thomasville AAFld, GA, 2 May 1943-1 May 1944

### ASSIGNMENTS

Air Force Combat Command, 2 Mar 1942  
59 Observation Group, 29 Mar-18 Oct 1942  
59 Observation (later Reconnaissance; Fighter) Group, 1 Mar 1943-1 May 1944

### WEAPON SYSTEMS

O-47, 1942  
O-52, 1942  
P-39, 1943-1944  
P-40, 1944

### COMMANDERS

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

Antisubmarine, American Theater

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

### **EMBLEM**

### **MOTTO**

### **OPERATIONS**

Antisubmarine patrols, Jul-15 Oct 1942. Replacement training, Apr 1943-May 1944.

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