

488^h FIGHTER SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

9th Observation Squadron (Medium) constituted, 5 Feb 1942
Activated, 2 Mar 1942
Redesignated 9th Observation Squadron, 4 Jul 1942
Inactivated, 18 Oct 1942
Activated, 1 Mar 1943
Redesignated 9th Reconnaissance Squadron (Fighter), 2 Apr 1943
Redesignated 488th 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
59th Observation Group, 29 Mar-18 Oct 1942
59th Observation (later Reconnaissance; Fighter) Group, 1 Mar 1943-1 May 1944

WEAPON SYSTEMS

O-47, 1942
O-47B
O-52, 1942
P-39, 1943-1944
P-39Q
P-39D

P-39N
P-40N
P-40, 1944

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Antisubmarine, American Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

None

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

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

Air Force Order of Battle

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