

102nd FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

318th Pursuit Group (Interceptor) constituted, 2 Feb 1942
Redesignated 318th Fighter Group, May 1942
Activated, 15 Oct 1942
Inactivated, 12 Jan 1946
Rcdesignated 102nd Fighter Group
Allotted to ANG (MA), 24 May 1946
Extended federal recognition, 22 Oct 1946
Redesignated 102nd Fighter Interceptor Group, Aug 1952
Inactivated

STATIONS

Hickam Field, TH, 15 Oct 1942
Bellows Field, TH, 9 Feb 1943
Saipan, Jun 1944
Ie Shima, 30 Apr 1945
Okinawa, Nov-Dec 1945
Ft Lewis, WA, 11-12 Jan 1946
Otis ANGB, MA

ASSIGNMENTS

Seventh Air Force
Eighth Air Force, Aug 1945

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

Col Lorry N Tindal, 20 Oct 1942
LTC Charles B Stewart, 3 Mar 1943
Col Lewis M Sanders, 21 Aug 1943
LTC Harry C McAfee, 31 Jul 1945
Maj Glen H Kramer, 5 Oct 1945
Maj Burton M Woodward, 22 Oct 1945-unkn

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Japan
Eastern Mandates
Western Pacific
Ryukyus
China Offensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

The upper part blue, with one small aircraft gray with white trail; the center part a portion of the globe showing the Northeastern portion of the Western Hemisphere in green and light blue with the North Pole in white and across it the front part of a gray aircraft with white outline and cockpit, firing three black rockets, tail flashes red, trails white, all headed toward upper right; in lower part on a bank of white clouds two small black aircraft climbing vertically, all within a red border. (Approved, 11 Jan 1954)

MOTTO

OMNIS VIR TIGRIS—Every Man a Tiger

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Trained and flew patrols, using P-39, P-40, and P-47. Moved to the Marianas in Jun 1944. Supported ground forces on Saipan, Tinian, and Guam; attacked enemy airfields; flew protective patrols over US bases; and, using some P-38s acquired in Nov 1944, flew missions to the Volcano and Truk Islands to escort bombers and to attack Japanese bases. Moved to the Ryukyu Islands in Apr 1945. Used P-47s to bomb and strafe airfields, railroad bridges, and industrial plants in Japan, escort bombers to China, and provide air defense for US bases in the Ryukyus.

shortly after V-J Day. Moved to the US, Dec 1945-Jan 1946.

In 1950, the 102nd was recalled to active duty and assigned to the Air Defense Command. Remaining at home station, the Logan International Airport-based ANG unit stood runway alert throughout the Korean conflict.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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