

141 AIR REFUELING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

Organized as an undesignated unit, 8 Oct 1917

Designated 141 Aero Squadron, 2 Jan 1918

Redesignated 141 Aero Squadron (Pursuit), 16 Sep 1918

Demobilized, 19 July 1919

341 Fighter Squadron constituted, 24 Sep 1942

Activated, 30 Sep 1942

Inactivated 10 May 1946

Reconstituted and redesignated 141 Fighter Squadron (Single-Engine) and allotted to the NJ NG, 24 May 1946

Extended Federal Recognition, 26 May 1949

Federalized and placed on active duty, 1 Mar 1951

Redesignated 141 Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 16 May 1951

Inactivated and released from active duty, 1 Dec 1952

Returned to New Jersey state control and activated, 1 Dec 1952

Redesignated 141 Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 1 Jul 1955

Redesignated 141 Tactical Fighter Squadron (Special-Delivery), 1 Jul 1958

Federalized and placed on active duty, 1 Oct 1961

Released from active duty, returned to New Jersey state control and redesignated 141 Tactical Fighter Squadron, 30 Aug 1962

141 Aero Squadron (Pursuit) reconstituted and consolidated with 141 Tactical Fighter Squadron, 8 Sep 1973. Consolidated organization designated 141 Tactical Fighter Squadron. Redesignated 141 Air Refueling Squadron, 19 Oct 1991

STATIONS

Rockwell Field, CA, 8 Oct 1917
Aviation Concentration Center, Garden City, NY, 9 Jan 1918
Morn Hill Rest Camp, Winchester, England, 31 Jan 1918
 "A" flight, Dover, England, 1 February-9 Mar 1918
 "B" flight, Hounslow Heath Aerodrome, England, 1 Feb-9 Mar 1918
 "C" flight, Northolt Airdrome, England, 1 Feb-9 Mar 1918
Swingate Down Airdrome, England, 10 Mar-10 Aug 1918
St. Maixent Replacement Barracks, France, 16 Aug 1918
Romorantin Aerodrome, France, 27 Aug 1918
Colombey-les-Belles Airdrome, France, 16 Sep 1918
Croix de Metz Aerodrome (Toul), France, 19 Oct 1918
Coblentz Airdrome (Fort Kaiser Alexander), Germany, 19 Apr 1919
Colombey-les-Belles Airdrome, France, 18 Jun 1919
France, Jul 1919
Camp Mills, NY, Jul 1919
Mitchel Field, NY, 30 Sep 1942
Bradley Field, CT, 30 Sep 1942
Westover Field, MA, 30 Oct 1942
Hillsgrove AAF, RI, 23 Jan 1943
Westover Field, MA, 26 April – 9 May 1943
Jackson Airfield (7-Mile Drome), Port Moresby, New Guinea, 23 June 1943
Finschafen Airfield (Dreger Field), New Guinea, 13 Dec 1943
Saidor Airfield, New Guinea, 13 Mar 1944
Wakde Airfield, Netherlands East Indies, 26 May 1944
Kornasoren (Yebrurro) Airfield Noemfoor, Netherlands East Indies, 24 Aug 1944
Tacloban Airfield, Leyte, Philippines, 30 Nov 1944
Tanauan Airfield, Leyte, Philippines, 14 Dec 1944
San Marcelino Airfield, Luzon, Philippines, 4 Feb 1945
Floridablanca Airfield, Luzon, Philippines, 15 May 1945
Ie Shima Airfield, Ryuku Islands, 9 Jul 1945
Kanoia Airfield, Japan, 9 Sep 1945
Itami Airfield, Japan, 20 Oct 1945 – 10 May 1946
Mercer Airport, NJ, 26 May 1949
Turner AFB, GA, 1 Mar 1951
Godman AFB, KY, 11 Dec 1951
McGuire AFB, NJ, 1 Dec 1952
Chaumont-Semoutiers Air Base, France, 1 Oct 1961
McGuire AFB, NJ, 30 Aug 1962

ASSIGNMENTS

Post Headquarters, Rockwell Field, 8 Oct 1917
Aviation Concentration Center, 9 Jan 1918

Air Service Headquarters, AEF, British Isles, 30 Jan 1918
Replacement Concentration Center, AEF, 16 Aug 1918
Air Service Production Center No. 2, AEF, 27 Aug – 16 Sep 1918
4 Pursuit Group, 23 Oct 1918
5 Pursuit Group, 19 Apr 1919
1 Air Depot, 18 Jun 1919
Commanding General, Services of Supply, Jul 1919
Eastern Department, Jul 1919
348 Fighter Group, 30 Sep 1942 – 10 May 1946
108 Fighter Group (later 108 Fighter-Bomber Group), 26 May 1949 – 1 Dec 1952
108 Fighter-Bomber Group (later 108 Fighter-Interceptor Group, 108th Tactical Fighter Group), 10 Nov 1952
7108 Tactical Fighter Wing, 1 Oct 1961
108 Tactical Fighter Group, 30 Aug 1962 – 8 Sep 1973
108 Tactical Fighter Group, 8 Sep 1973
108 Operations Group, 19 Oct 1991

WEAPON SYSTEMS

Mission Aircraft

SPAD S.VII, 1918
SPAD S.XIII, 1918–1919
P-47
P-51
F-47
F-86, 1954
F-84, 1958
F-86, 1962
F-105, 1964
F-4, 1981
KC-135, 1992

Support Aircraft

COMMANDERS

Lt Col Anthony J. DeVito, 2006 - 2011

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Meuse-Argonne Offensive
Air Offensive, Japan
Bismark-Archipelago
Luzon

Northern Solomons
New Guinea
Ryukyus
Southern Philippines

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Presidential Unit Citation

16–31 Dec 1943

24 Dec 1944 – 9 Jul 1945

EMBLEM



341 Fighter Squadron emblem





A Great Bengal tiger with orange and black markings playing with a German helmet and Iron Cross. The Tiger is intended to be a Princeton Tiger in honor of Captain Hobey Baker, the Squadron Commander, of Princeton University fame. Designed by Lt. Slaughter; approved, 1918; transferred to the 141 Tactical Fighter Squadron, 30 Oct 1973; approved, 6 Jan 1988.

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OPERATIONS

141 Aero Squadron was formed at Rockwell Field, San Diego, California, October 8th, 1917, and, therefore, unfortunately never had the opportunity of serving with the 141.

The 141, too, was unfortunate not reciprocally for failing to secure the services of the late General, but because more than a year elapsed from the date of the squadron's formation to the time it began operating at the Front, October 23rd, 1918.

From its base at Toul the 141 Spent 174 hours and 35 minutes patrolling over Jerry's lines in the St. Mihiel sector and "Thumped" into the hereafter two of his machines with their crews; then the armistice was signed. Had General Sherman been a good fast K.P., or even a Pilot of the 141 Squadron, what would he have said about the dastardly trick of signing armistices? The 141 had just arrived upon the scene and had just begun to inscribe its name in the Kaiser's family bible when its potentially glorious career was abortively terminated by the armistice.

It were better to end this writing here and now than to compound this felony with elucidation of that part of our career spent not at the Front, but history is demanded of us, hence we prolong the agony. Anything replete with dates is history, we take it, and the dryer the better. A concoction of dates is called history and is crammed into the school-boy's cranium to exercise his brain:

Entrained, San Diego for New York, January 2nd, 1918

Embarked, New York for Southampton, January 15th, 1918
Arrived, Winchester, England, January 31st 1918.
Reclassified and divided into three Flights : A, B and C, at Winchester, England.
A Flight went to Dower
B Flight, to Hounslow
C Flight to Northolt, England
On May 1st the 141 was reorganized at Dover, England
Then, till August 8th the 141 trained at Dover, England
And on August 16th the 141 went to Le Elavre, France
While on August 20th it went to St. Maixent, France
From whence it went to Romorantin
Then to Colombey-les-Belles
Where it got its first machines
Then moved to Toul Field, October 19, 1918
Then went to war
And after the war
Went Home

Its first combat commander was Captain Hobey Baker, the world-renowned Princeton University athlete. Shortly after the war, Captain Hobey Baker died. In his honor, the Princeton Tiger was adopted and incorporated as the 141's squadron insignia.

In August 1962 the 141 TFS returned from a tour of active duty with the all-ANG-equipped 7108th TFW in response to the Berlin Crisis. The squadron left its F-84F behind at Chaumont AB, France, for use by the 366th TFW and transitioned to the F-86H. The conversion to the F-86H was accomplished by change to group status and the 141 became a component of the 108th TFG based at McGuire AFB, NJ. The 141 flew the "Hog" until April 1964 when the first Republic F-105B arrived.

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