

397th FIGHTER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

397th Fighter Squadron constituted, 24 May 1943

Activated, 1 Jun 1943

Inactivated, 20 Aug 1946

STATIONS

Westover Field, MA, 1 Jun 1943

Mitchel Field, NY, 21 Aug 1943

Farmingdale AAFld, NY, 29 NOV-20 Dec 1943

Greenham Common, England, 13 Feb 1944

Chilbolton, England, 15 Mar 1944

Cardonville, France, 16 Jun 1944

Chartres, France, 23 Aug 1944

Laon/Athies, France, 11Sep 1944

Chievres, Belgium, 2 Oct 1944

Juvincourt, France, 27 Dec 1944

Metz, France, 5 Jan 1945

Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany, 16 Apr 1945

Buchschwabach, Germany, 16 May 1945

Straubing, Germany, 13 Aug 1945-20 Aug 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

368th Fighter Group, 1 Jun 1943-20 Aug 1946

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-47, 1943-1946

P-47C

P-47D

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Europe

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Ardennes-Alsace

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation

Mons, France, 3 Sep 1944

Cited in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army

6 Jun-30 Sep 1944

16 Dec 1944-25 Jan 1945

Belgian Fourragere

EMBLEM

Over and through a yellow disc, a caricatured westerner riding a brown caricatured broncho, winged white, shaded blue, and wearing brown trousers, blue shirt, white cowboy hat, red neckerchief, and white gloves, holding aloft two six-shooter revolvers gray, trimmed tan, each emitting from the barrel a small smoke cloud light blue, outlined black. (Approved, 13 Apr 1944)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

Jabo Angels

CALL SIGN

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OPERATIONS

Combat in ETO, 14 Mar 1944-9 May 1945

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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