

487th FIGHTER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

487th Fighter Squadron constituted, 29 Sep 1942

Activated, 1 Oct 1942

Inactivated, 10 Nov 1945

STATIONS

Mitchel Field, NY, 1 Oct 1942

Bradley Field, CT, Oct 1942

Westover Field, MA, Nov 1942

Trumbull Field, CT, 15 Jan 1943

Mitchel Field, NY, 8 Mar-Jun 1943

Bodney, England, 7 Jul 1943 (detachment operated from Asch, Belgium, 23 Dec 1944-27 Jan 1945)

Chievres, Belgium, 28 Jan 1945

Bodney, England, 14 Apr-4 Nov 1945

Camp Kilmer, NJ, 9-10 Nov 1945

ASSIGNMENTS

352nd Fighter Group, 1 Oct 1942-10 Nov 1945

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-47, 1942-1944

P-51, 1944-1945

P-47C

P-47D
P-51B
P-51C
P-51D

COMMANDERS

Maj John S. Meyer, 1 Oct 1942
Maj William T. Halton, 21 Nov 1944

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Offensive, Europe
Air Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe
Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations
Brunswick, Germany, 8 May 1944
Belgium, 1Jan 1945

French Croix de Guerre with Palm
1 Jan 1945

EMBLEM

Over and through a blue disc, border red, a yellow lightning bolt bendwise, surmounted by an angry cherub proper, wearing brown aviator's helmet, gray goggles with red band, white scarf, trimmed red, white diaper, red socks and brown shoes, carrying in right hand a riding crop brown, and under the left arm a gray machine gun with cartridge belt brown, containing orange and gray shells.

The emblem designed by Sam Perry was based on a photo of Lt Karl Waldron posing in a diaper as the little bastard and carrying a machine gun as in the badge. The riding crop in his pilots would carry a riding crop in his other hand is based on unit CO John Meyer's order that his pilots would carry a riding crop during the 487th's training days as a morale builder. (Approved, 14 Jul 1943)

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NICKNAME**OPERATIONS**

Combat in ETO, 14 Sep 1943-25 Apr 1945.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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