

93rd FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

93rd Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) constituted, 13 Jan 1942
Activated, 9 Feb 1942
Redesignated 93rd Fighter Squadron, 15 May 1942
Inactivated, 8 Dec 1945
Activated, 15 Oct 1946
Redesignated 93rd Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 20 Jan 1950
Discontinued, 8 Jul 1960

STATIONS

Morris Field, NC, 9 Feb 1942
Dale Mabry Field, FL, 1 May 1942
Muroc, CA, 26 Jun-4 Oct 1942
Port Lyautey, French Morocco, 10 Nov 1942
Berteaux, Algeria, 19 Feb 1943
Youks-les-Bains, Algeria, 10 Mar 1943 (operated from Thelepte, Tunisia, 6 Mar- 5 Apr 1943)
Bone, Algeria, 3 Apr 1943
Monastir, Tunisia, 22 May 1943
Sidi Ahmed, Tunisia, 23 Aug 1943
Castelvetrano, Sicily, 21 Oct 1943
Montecorvino Airfield, Italy, Feb 1944
Karachi, India, 1 Mar 1944
Kwanghan, China, 11 Jul 1944

Gushkara, India, Oct 1944-16 Oct 1945
Shanghai, China, 9-17 Nov 1945
Camp Stoneman, CA, 5-8 Dec 1945
Wheeler Field, TH, 15 Oct 1946-21 May 1949
Kirtland AFB, NM, 17 Jun 1949-8 Jul 1960

ASSIGNMENTS

81st Pursuit (later Fighter) Group, 9 Feb 1942-8 Dec 1945
81st Fighter (later Fighter Interceptor) Group, 15 Oct 1946
Western Air Defense Force (attached to 34th Air Division), 10 Aug 1951
34th Air Division, 6 Feb 1952
Albuquerque Air Defense Sector, 1 Jan 1960

ATTACHMENTS

Albuquerque Air Defense Area, 1 May 1950.

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-39, 1942-1944
P-39D
P-39M
P-39N
P-38, 1943-1944
P-38D
P-40, 1944
P-47, 1944-1945
P-47D
P-51, 1946-1947
P-47, 1946-1949
P-47N
F-80, 1949
F-86A
F-86D
F-86F
F-86L

COMMANDERS

Maj H. W. Whitehouse, #1954

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Algeria-French Morocco with Arrowhead

Tunisia
Air Combat, EAME Theater
China Defensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

None

EMBLEM



On a blue disc edged black, a white cloud; issuing from base, a snow-capped mountain peak; standing on the mountain peak and surmounting the cloud, a caricatured bird, black with gray head, breast and tail, Air Force golden yellow beak and talons, red eye and breast markings, his wings folded and supporting behind his back a heavy brown wooden club pierced with a “wicked” looking black spike; details black throughout. (Approved, 6 Aug 1958)

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OPERATIONS

The unit was originally activated at Morris Field, North Carolina on 9 February 1942 as the 93d Pursuit Squadron and assigned to the 81st Pursuit Group. The unit trained for combat duty at Morris Field, South Carolina and at Dale Mabry Field, Florida and saw its first action defending the Casa Blanca area from Port Layntey Airdrome, French Morocco with P-38s on 3 January 1943.

The unit continued defensive operation in the Casa Blanca area until 8 March 1943 when it started ground support of allied ground forces, flying daily missions against supply columns and airdromes. The unit remained in the Mediterranean Theater until 1944 performing coastal

patrol operations, harbor defense, convoy escort, and protecting landing forces during invasion of the mainland.

In February 1944, the 93d left North Africa for India where it was re-equipped with P-47s. The 93d flew in China on night patrols, air alerts and furnished fighter protection for B-29's operating from neighboring fields. The unit returned to India and remained at Gushkara until October 1945 protecting the Calcutta area and maintaining two flights on combat duty in China.

The unit left India in October 1945 for the states and was inactivated at Camp Stoneman, California on 8 December 1945.

The unit was activated again at Wheeler Field, Hawaii on 15 October 1946 and equipped with P-51's and P-47's. Its mission was to provide daylight aerial security for the Hawaiian area. The 93d remained in Hawaii until April 1949 when it was moved to Selfridge AFB, Michigan. It was later moved to its present location at Kirtland AFB, New Mexico on 16 June 1949. The unit was equipped with F-86A's when it returned to the states and later in February 1954 it became operational in the F-86D.

The unit is presently playing an active part in the aerial defense of New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Utah and part of Texas.

Air Force Order of Battle

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