

132nd TACTICAL FIGHTER GROUP



LINEAGE

365th Fighter Group constituted as, 27 Apr 1943
Activated, 15 May 1943
Inactivated, 22 Sep 1945
Redesignated 132nd Fighter Group, allotted to ANG (Iowa), 24 May 1946
Extended federal recognition, 23 Aug 1946
Redesignated 132nd Fighter Bomber Group, Jun 1951
Redesignated 132nd Fighter Interceptor Group, 16 Jun 1955
Redesignated 132nd Tactical Fighter Group, 1 Jul 1969
Inactivated, Dec 1974

STATIONS

Richmond AAB, VA, 15 May 1943
Langley Field, VA, 19 Jul 1943
Dover AAFld, DE, n Aug 1943
Richmond AAB, VA, 18 Nov-4 Dec 1943
Gosfield, England, 22 Dec 1943
Beaulieu, England, 5 Mar 1944
Azeville, France, 28 Jun 1944
Lignerolles, France, 15 Aug 1944
Bretigny, France, 3 Sep 1944
Juvincourt, France, 15 Sep 1944
Chievres, Belgium, 4 Oct 1944
Metz, France, 27 Dec 1944
Florennes/Juzaine, Belgium, 30 Jan 1945
Aachen, Germany, 16 Mar 1945
Fritzlar, Germany, 13 Apr 1945
Suippes, France, c. 29 Jul 1945

Antwerp, Belgium, c. 22 Aug-n Sep 1945
Camp Myles Standish, MA, 20-22 Sep 1945
Des Moines Mun Aprt, IA, 1 Apr 1951
Dow AFB, ME, 15 Apr 1951
Alexandria AFB, LA, 19 Jun 1952-1 Jan 1953
Des Moines IA

ASSIGNMENTS

Strategic Air Command
Tactical Air Command, Nov 1951

WEAPON SYSTEMS

Mission Aircraft

P-47
F-51
F-84
F-100

Support Aircraft

COMMANDERS

Col Lance Call, 15 May 1943
Col Ray J Stecker, 26 Jun 1944
LTC Robert C Richardson III, 26 Apr 1945-unkn
Col Ellis Eno, Aug 1946
LTC John Holmes, Jul 1949
LTC John Strand, Nov 1950
Col Charles G Teschner, 1 Apr 1951
Col Harold J Whiteman, 21 Jun 1952
Maj Frank Berlin, Jan 1953
LTC Robert Shetterly, Feb 1953
LTC Robert Moorehead, Jun 1958
LTC Wayne Nebben, Jul 1965
LTC William Fowles, Jul 1970
LTC Junior Lane, Nov 1972-Dec 1974

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

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

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Germany, 21 Oct 1944

Germany, 20 Apr 1945

Cited in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army

6 Jun-30 Sep 1944

16 Dec 1944-25 Jan 1945

Belgian Fourragere

EMBLEM

Azure (sky blue), within a diminutive border or, a chevalier completely armed, in his dexter hand a tilting spear, with streamers; on his sinister arm an escutcheon charged with a tierce, in gyrons of two bendwise; the horse caparisoned and in full gallop, charging, all or, the horse's hind feet resting on a cloud proper, issuing from the base. (Approved, 17 Oct 1952)

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Moved to England in Dec 1943. Began combat operations with Ninth AF in Feb 1944. Engaged in escort activities and flew dive-bombing missions to attack such targets as bridges, airdromes, rail facilities, gun positions, and V-weapon sites prior to the invasion of the Continent. Attacked rail targets and gun emplacements in France during the invasion on 6 Jun. Moved to the Continent late in Jun and continued to dive-bomb targets during the succeeding weeks of the battle for Normandy. Bombed targets near St Lo in Jul to assist Allied forces in breaking through German lines at that point, and supported the subsequent drive across northern France during Aug-Sep. In Sep, also flew patrols in cooperation with airborne operations in Holland. Cited by the Belgian government for assisting Allied armies in the period from the invasion of Normandy through the initial phases of the liberation of Belgium. During the fall of 1944, operated in connection with the seizure of Aachen and aided ground troops in the offensive toward the Rhine, receiving a DUC for destroying and damaging numerous enemy fighters over the Bonn-Dusseldorf area in Germany on 21 Oct. Received second Belgian award for actions during the Battle of the Bulge when the group struck such targets as vehicles, rolling stock, marshalling yards, gun positions, factories, and towns. Provided cover during airborne operations across the Rhine in Mar 1945 and supported the drive into Germany. Awarded second DUC for operations on 20 Apr 1945 when the group attacked airfields, motor transports, and ammunition dumps to aid the Allied advance through southern Germany. Ended combat in May and took part in the disarmament program until Jun 1945. Moved to the US in Sep 1945.

On 23 Aug 1946, the 132d Fighter Group, commanded by Col Ellis E. Eno, received its federal recognition and became part of the 71st Fighter Wing, located in St. Louis, MO. Other units receiving federal recognition at this time were the 124th Fighter Squadron, LTC William J. Feiler, Commander; the Utility Flight, 124th Fighter Squadron, Capt Roger W. Gilbert, Commander; and the 124th Weather Station, Capt Charles T. Hight, Commander. Det. A. 232d Air Service Group, commanded by Capt. Gerald Corrigan. (original member), received its federal recognition on 6 Sep 1946. The authorized manning was 75 officers and 212 enlisted. With the addition of the Headquarters Det. 232d Air Service Group on 12 Oct 1948, the authorized strength increased to 100 officers and 361 enlisted. Maj Homer E. Bradshaw was the Commander of this unit. At the time of federal recognition, the unit was only 40 percent manned. Cpt Gilbert and SSgt Don Boo, also an original member, launched a very aggressive recruiting program for both WW II veterans and non-veterans alike.

Ordered into active service, 1 Apr 1951

Relieved from active service and returned, less personnel and equipment, to ANG (Iowa), 1 Jan 1953

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