

VIII FIGHTER COMMAND



LINEAGE

VIII Interceptor Command constituted, 19 Jan 1942
Activated, 1 Feb 1942
Redesignated VIII Fighter Command, May 1942
Inactivated, 20 Mar 1946
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

STATIONS

Selfridge Field, MI, 1 Feb 1942
Charleston, SC, 13 Feb-1 May 1942
High Wycombe, England, 12 May 1942
Bushey Hall, England, 27 Jul 1942
Charleroi, Belgium, 15 Jan 1945
High Wycombe, England, 17 Jul 1945
Honington, England, 26 Oct 1945-20 Mar 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

Eighth AF

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

Col Lawrence P. Hickey, 1 Feb 1942
BG Frank O'D Hunter, 14 May 1942
MG William E. Kepner, 29 Aug 1943
BG Murray C. Woodbury, 1 Aug 1944
BG Francis H. Griswold, 3 Aug 1944
Col Benjamin J. Webster, 17 Oct 1944
Col Robert W. Humphreys, 19 Apr 1945
MG Westside T. Larson, 17 Jul 1945
MG William E. Kepner, 22 Jul 1945
MG Westside T. Larson, 3 Aug 1945
MG Howard M. Turner, 22 Sep 1945
BG Emil C. Kiel, 13 Oct 1945-Mar 1946

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Europe

Normandy

Northern France

Rhineland

Central Europe

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

A figurehead consisting of a blue demi lion rampant outlined in gold. (Approved, 23 May 1942)

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Air Force Order of Battle

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