

# **1501<sup>st</sup> FLIGHTLINE MAINTENANCE SQUADRON**

## **Panama Interceptor Command**

A direct outgrowth of the former Caribbean Interceptor Command (CIC) , that organization was redesignated as the Caribbean Air Force Interceptor Command by authority of General Order No.8, CAP dated 18 September 1941.

This organization survived a brief four months until, after the declaration of war, it was again re-designated as the Panama Interceptor Command (PIC) on 13 December 1941. This actually resulted in the rationalization of the interceptor and pursuit aviation in the two sectors of the Caribbean Defense Command, the former "parent" organization, the 6th Interceptor Command remaining viable in Puerto Rico and the Antilles area.

The Panama Interceptor Command gradually declined in importance as the threat of a Japanese attack faded, and was eventually superseded altogether by the XXVI Fighter Command

Panama Interceptor Command had undertaken pursuit patrols during the first four months of the war using about one-third of the airworthy aircraft, flying at dawn and dusk over the entire Canal Zone area. Additional aircraft were maintained on ground alert during these periods, both day and night.

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