

102nd FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR GROUP

LINEAGE

318th Pursuit Group (Interceptor) constituted, 2 Feb 1942
Redesignated 318th Fighter Group, May 1942
Activated in Hawaii, 15 Oct 1942
Inactivated, 12 Jan 1946
Rcdesignated 102nd Fighter Group
Allotted to ANG (MA), 24 May 1946
Extended federal recognition, 22 Oct 1946
Redesignated 102nd Fighter Interceptor Group, Aug 1952

STATIONS

Hickam Field, TH, 15 Oct 1942
Bellows Field, TH, 9 Feb 1943
Saipan, Jun 1944
Ie Shima, 30 Apr 1945
Okinawa, Nov-Dec 1945
Ft Lewis, WA, 11-12 Jan 1946
Otis ANGB, MA

ASSIGNMENTS

Seventh AF
Eighth Air Force, Aug 1945

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

Col Lorry N Tindal, 20 Oct 1942
LTC Charles B Stewart, 3 Mar 1943
Col Lewis M Sanders, 21 Aug 1943
LTC Harry C McAfee, 31 Jul 1945
Maj Glen H Kramer, 5 Oct 1945
Maj Burton M Woodward, 22 Oct 1945-unkn

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Japan
Eastern Mandates
Western Pacific
Ryukyus
China Offensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

The upper part blue, with one small aircraft gray with white trail; the center part a portion of the globe showing the Northeastern portion of the Western Hemisphere in green and light blue with the North Pole in white and across it the front part of a gray aircraft with white outline and cockpit, firing three black rockets, tail flashes red, trails white, all headed toward upper right; in lower part on a bank of white clouds two small black aircraft climbing vertically, all within a red border. (Approved 11 Jan 1954)

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

OMNIS VIR TIGRIS—Every Man a Tiger

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Trained and flew patrols, using P-39, P-40, and P-47. Moved to the Marianas in Jun 1944. Supported ground forces on Saipan, Tinian, and Guam; attacked enemy airfields; flew protective patrols over US bases; and, using some P-38's acquired in Nov 1944, flew missions to the Volcano and Truk Islands to escort bombers and to attack Japanese bases. Moved to the Ryukyu Islands in Apr 1945. Used P-47's to bomb and strafe airfields, railroad bridges, and industrial plants in Japan, escort bombers to China, and provide air defense for US bases in the Ryukyus. shortly after V-J Day. Moved to the US, Dec 1945-Jan 1946.

In 1950, the 102nd was recalled to active duty and assigned to the Air Defense Command. Remaining at home station, the Logan International Airport-based ANG unit stood runway alert throughout the Korean conflict.

C-131D 54-2809 of the 102nd. FIG, Massachusetts ANG in 1980. Note powder blue markings on the engine cowls and tail with a white Massachusetts on the blue fin tip stripe

Air Force Order of Battle

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