

11th FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

11th Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) constituted, 20 Nov 1940
Activated, 15 Jan 1941
Redesignated 11th Fighter Squadron, 15 May 1942
Redesignated 11th Fighter Interceptor Squadron, 10 Oct 1952
Activated, 1 Dec 1952
Inactivated, Sep 1968

STATIONS

Selfridge Field, MI, 15 Jan 1941
Key Field, MS, 3 Oct-19 Dec 1941
Elmendorf Field, AK, 29 Dec 1941 (dets at Ft Randall, AK, 25 May-1 Sep 1942 and Fort Glen, AK 26 May-Jun 1942)
Ft Glenn, AK, Jun 1942
Adak, AK, 20 Feb 1943 (dets at Amchitka, AK, 27 Mar-17 May 1943, and 23 Mar 1944-20 Jul 1945)
Shemya, AK 11 Aug 1945-15 Aug 1946
Duluth IAP, MN, 1 Dec 1952

ASSIGNMENTS

50th Pursuit Group, 15 Jan 1941
Western Theater of Operations, 30 Dec 1941
28th Composite Group, 2 Feb 1942

XI Fighter Command, 7 Jun 1942
343rd Fighter Group, 11 Sep 1942-15 Aug 1946
31st Air Division, 1 Dec 1952
515th Air Defense Group, 16 Feb 1953
343rd Fighter Group, 18 Aug 1955

ATTACHMENTS

Provisional Interceptor Command, Alaska, 2 Jan 1942

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-35, 1941
P-36, 1941-1942
P-36A
P-40, 1941-1945
P-40E
P-40K
P-40N
P-38, 1943-1946
P-38E
P-38G
P-38L
F-51D, 1952-1953
F-86D 1953-1955
F-89D, 1955-1956
F-102A 1956-1960
F-106A 1960
F-106B
T-33

COMMANDERS

Maj Jack Chennault

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaigns Streamers

Aleutian Islands
Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

None

EMBLEM



On a sky blue disc, edged black, a charging red bull, highlights white, outline, horns and detail black, with lightning flashes of the fourth issuing from his nostrils, over a stylized white cloud issuing from base, outlined black. (Approved, 30 Nov 1954)

MOTTO

Inferne Ibimus

NICKNAME

Red Bulls

OPERATIONS

In 1942, the 11th Fighter Squadron fighters, based at Otter Point on the east end of Umnak Island, intercepted and shot down five Japanese aircraft.

During the first half of 1955 the 11th FIS converted to F-89Ds, having twenty-eight on hand by the end of June. At this time they were assigned to the 515th Air Defense Group, 31st Air Division. During June 1956 they had twenty-three F-89Ds, but right after that they began conversion to F-102As and by the end of October they had disposed of the last of their Scorpions and were combat ready in the F-102.

Air Force Order of Battle

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