

51 FIGHTER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

51 Pursuit Squadron (Fighter) constituted, 22 Nov 1940

Activated, 1 Jan 1941

Redesignated 51 Fighter Squadron, 15 May 1942

Inactivated, 15 Oct 1946

STATIONS

Rio Hato, Panama, 1 Jan 1941

Albrook Field, CZ, 1 Jan 1941

Rio Hato, Panama, 21 Aug 1941

Howard Field, CZ, 10 Dec 1941

France Field, CZ, 23 Dec 1941 (detachment at Guatemala City, Guatemala, Jan 1942-9 Mar 1943)

Seymour Island, Galapagos, 9 Dec 1942 (detachments at Salinas, Ecuador, and Talora, Peru, Dec 1943 Mar 1943)

La Joya, Panama, 4 Mar 1944

Howard Field, CZ, 10 Jun 1944-15 Oct 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

32 Pursuit (later Fighter) Group, 1 Jan 1941

XXVI Fighter Command, 1 Nov 1943
6 Fighter Wing, 25 Aug 1945-15 Oct 1946

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-26A, 1941
P-36A, 1941-1942
P-40 1942-1944
P-39, 1943-1945
P-38 1944-1946

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers
American Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Over and through a light blue violet disc, border yellow orange, the head and shoulders of a caricatured, butting, wild, white goat, outlined black, horns tan, wearing brown boxing gloves, having a pugnacious attitude, and brushing nose with thumb of right glove. (Approved, 6 Apr 1944)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Air defense for the Panama Canal during World War II. Not operational May-15 Oct 1946

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