

# 71<sup>st</sup> FIGHTER WING

## MISSION

### LINEAGE

71<sup>st</sup> Fighter Wing constituted, 11 Aug 1943  
Activated, 15 Aug 1943  
Inactivated, 3 Dec 1945  
Allotted to MO ANG, 24 May 1946  
Extended federal recognition, 3 Jul 1946  
Inactivated, 31 Oct 1950

### STATIONS

March Field, CA, 15 Aug-26 Nov 1943  
Aldermaston, England, 23 Dec 1943  
Greenham Common, England, 14 Jan 1944  
Andover, England, 1 Mar-4 Jul 1944  
Ecrammeville, France, 10 Jul 1944  
St-Pierre-Eglise, France, 1 Aug 1944  
Ecrammeville, France, 7 Aug 1944  
Rennes, France, 20 Aug 1944  
Versailles, France, 9 Sep 1944  
Vittel, France, 23 Oct 1944  
Heidelberg, Germany, 23 Apr 1945  
Nancy, France, 21 May 1945  
Nancy/Essey, France, 16 Jul 1945  
Darmstadt, Germany, 25 Sep-Nov 1945  
Camp Shanks, NY, 2-3 Dec 1945

### ASSIGNMENTS

Ninth Air Force

### COMMANDERS

LTC Merrick Bayer, 6 Sep 1943  
LTC Joseph C. Smith, 18 Oct 1943

BG Ned Schramm, 18 Nov 1943  
2LT Gordon L. Belsey, Sep 1945  
Cpt Augustus D. Clemens, 26 Oct 1945-unkn

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

Air Offensive, Europe  
Normandy  
Northern France

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Cited in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army  
6 Jun-[Aug] 1944

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Served in combat from Mar to Aug 1944 when its combat elements were relieved of assignment.

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