

III FIGHTER COMMAND

MISSION

LINEAGE

III Interceptor Command constituted, 26 May 1941
Activated, 17 Jun 1941
Redesignated III Fighter Command, May 1942
Inactivated, 8 Apr 1946
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

STATIONS

Drew Field, FL, 1941
MacDill Field, FL, 1 Dec 1945-8 Apr 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

Third Air Force

COMMANDERS

Maj Gen Walter H. Frank, 1941
Brig Gen Clarence L. Tinker, 6 Nov 1941
Col Willis H. Hale, 16-30 Dec 1941
Brig Gen Ralph Royce, 28-29 Jan 1942
Brig Gen Carlyle H. Wash, 2 Mar 1942
Col George P. Tourtellot, 26 Jun 1942
Brig Gen Adlai H. Gilkeson, 8 Oct 1942
Brig Gen Thomas W. Blackburn, 14 Mar 1944-unkn

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

American Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Trained fighter organizations and personnel. Also served in the defense of the southeastern US.

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