

# 918 AIR REFUELING SQUADRON

## MISSION

### LINEAGE

18 Photographic Mapping Squadron constituted, 14 Jul 1942

Activated, 23 Jul 1942

Redesignated 18 Photographic Squadron (Heavy), 6 Feb 1943

Redesignated 18 Combat Mapping Squadron, 9 Oct 1943

Inactivated, 20 Feb 1944

Redesignated 18 Reconnaissance Squadron (Photographic), 8 Oct 1947

Activated in the reserve, 6 Nov 1947

Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

918 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy constituted and activated, 20 May 1960

Organized, 1 Oct 1960

Discontinued and inactivated, 15 Dec 1960

18 Reconnaissance Squadron (Photographic) and 918 Air Refueling Squadron, Heavy consolidated, 19 Sep 1985 (Remained inactive)

### STATIONS

Colorado Springs, CO, 23 Jul-12 Dec 1942 (bulk of air echelon at Colorado Springs, CO, to 12 Oct 1943, and at Will Rogers Field, OK, 14 Oct 1943-15 Jan 1944)

Dumbea, New Caledonia, 20-25 Jan 1943

Espiritu Santo, 2 Feb 1943-20 Feb 1944 (detachment of air echelon at Espiritu Santo after 4 Apr 1943)

Newark AAB, NJ, 6 Nov 1947-27 Jun 1949

Altus AFB, OK, 1 Oct 1960 – 15 Dec 1960

### ASSIGNMENTS

4 Photographic (later Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping; Photographic) Group, 23 Jul 1942-20 Feb 1944 (air echelon assigned 8 Photographic Reconnaissance Group, 9 Oct 1943-15 Jan 1944)

66 Reconnaissance Group, 6 Nov 1947-27 Jun 1949  
11 Bombardment Wing, 1 Oct 1960 – 15 Dec 1950

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

P-38, 1942

B-25C, 1943-1944

B-24 (used by air echelon in Oklahoma) in 1943

KC-135, 1960

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

Asiatic-Pacific Theater

#### **Campaign Streamers**

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

#### **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Photo-mapping in South Pacific, 14 Apr-8 Jun 1943, 29 Sep 1943-29 Jan 1944, by part of air echelon; bulk of air echelon remained in US and was inactivated at Will Rogers Field on 15 Jan 1944.

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#### Sources

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