

III RECONNAISSANCE COMMAND

MISSION

LINEAGE

I Air Support Command constituted, 21 Aug 1941
Activated, 1 Sep 1941
Redesignated I Ground Air Support Command, Apr 1942
Redesignated I Air Support Command, Sep 1942
Redesignated I Tactical Air Division, Aug 1943
Redesignated III Tactical Air Division, Apr 1944
Redesignated III Reconnaissance Command, Jun 1945
Inactivated, 9 Apr 1946
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

STATIONS

Mitchel Field, NY, 1 Sep 1941
Morris Field, NC, Nov 1942
Key Field, MS, 3 Apr 1944
Rapid City AAB, SD, Nov 1945-9 Apr 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col William E. Kepner, 1 Sep 1941
Col Dache McC Reeves, 22 Feb 1942
Col John P. Doyle, 2 Sep 1942
Brig Gen Robert M. Webster, 2 Oct 1942
Col John P. Doyle, 23 Apr 1943
Brig Gen Ralph F. Stearley, 2 May 1943
Col John E. Bodle, 1 Apr 1944
Brig Gen Edmund C. Lynch, 24 Jun 1944

Col Robin A. Day, 28 Jan 1945

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Antisubmarine, American Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On a blue octagon, edged in gold, a golden representation of the bust of the Egyptian mythological hawk god Horus. (Approved, 23 Jul 1942)

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OPERATIONS

Flew antisubmarine patrols off the east coast, 7 Dec 1941-15 Oct 1942. Trained light bombardment crews, participated in air-ground maneuvers, and demonstrated air support techniques, Sep 1944-May 1944. Trained reconnaissance personnel and organizations, May 1944-1946.

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