

10 TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

73 Observation Group constituted, 21 Aug 1941
Activated, 1 Sep 1941
Redesignated 73 Reconnaissance Group, Apr 1943
Redesignated 73 Tactical Reconnaissance Group, Aug 1943
Redesignated 10 Group (Reconnaissance), Dec 1943
Redesignated 10 Reconnaissance Group, Jun 1945
Redesignated 10 Tactical Reconnaissance Group, Jun 1948
Inactivated, 1 Apr 1949
Activated, 10 Jul 1952

STATIONS

Harrisburg, PA, 1 Sep 1941
Godman Field, KY, c. 7 Nov 1941
Camp Campbell AAFld, KY, c. 23 Jun 1943
Key Field, MS, Nov 1943-Jan 1944
Chalgrove, England, Feb 1944
Rennes/St-Jacques, France, c. n Aug 1944
Chateau-dun, France, c. 24 Aug 1944
St-Dizier/ Robinson, France, Sep 1944
Conflans/ Doncourt, France, Nov 1944

Trier/Evren, Germany, Mar 1945
Ober Olm, Germany, c. 5 Apr 1945
Furth, Germany, c. 28 Apr 1945
Furstenfeldbruck, Germany, Apr-Jun 1947
Langley Field, VA, 25 Jun 1947
Lawson Field, GA, c. 8 Sep 1947
Pope Field, NC, c. 27 Sep 1947-1 Apr 1949
Furstenfeldbruck AB, Germany, to Jul 1952
Toul/Rosiere AB, France, Nov 1952
Spangdahlc AB, Germany, May 1953

ASSIGNMENTS

Ninth AF
United States Air Forces in Europe

WEAPON SYSTEMS

F-3
F-5
F-6
L-1
L-4
L-5
RF-51
RB-26
RB-57
RF-80
RF-84

COMMANDERS

Maj Edgar M. Scattergood Jr., 1 Sep 1941
Lt Col John C. Kennedy, 6 Nov 1941
Capt Phillip H. Hatch, 24 Jan 1942
Lt Col Robert M. Lee, 9 Feb 1942
Maj Burton L. Austin, 26 Dec 1942
Lt Col Bernard C. Rose, 19 Jan 1943
Lt Col Crawford H. Hollidge, 28 Jan 1943
Maj William A. Daniel, 4 Aug 1943
Col William B. Reed, 9 Sep 1943
Col Russell A. Berg, 20 Jun 1944-Unkn
Lt Col W. D. Hayes Jr., 1945
Col Marvin S. Zipp, 11 Jan 1946-19 Jun 1947
Lt Col James L. Rose, 1 Oct 1947
Lt Col Harrison R. Christy Jr., 16 Dec 1947
Lt Col Edward O. McComas, 6 Jan 1948

Col William A. Daniel, 26 Jan 1948-Unkn
Lt Col Barnie B. Mcentire Jr., 10 Jul 1952
Col Willie O. Jackson Jr., Dec 1952
Lt Col Steven R. Wilkerson, C. 22 Sep 1953
Col Howard J. Withycombe, 23 Feb 1954
Col Arthur E. Smith, 13 Jul 1954
Col Fred W. Dyer, 23 Jun 1955

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

American Theater
Air Offensive, Europe
Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation
France, 6-20 May 1944

EMBLEM

Azure a sphere or, latitude and longitude lines sable, in chief the head and arms of the Greek mythical god Argus, head facing base, arms fesswise both hands toward dexter of the second, outlined of the field. (Approved 29 Dec 1942)

MOTTO

ARGUS—Ceaseless Watch

OPERATIONS

Moved to the European theater, Jan-Feb 1944. airfields, coastal defenses, and ports, and made bomb-damage assessment photographs of airfields, marshalling yards, bridges, and other targets, in preparation for the Normandy invasion; received a DUC for flying at low altitude to photograph the coast from Blankenberghe to Dunkirk and from Le Touquet to St Vaast-la-Hougue, 6-20 May 1944.

Supported the invasion in Jun by making visual and photographic reconnaissance of bridges, artillery, road and railroad junctions, traffic centers, airfields, and other targets. Assisted the Allied drive toward the German border during the summer and early fall of 1944 by flying

daylight and night photographic missions; also performed tactical reconnaissance for ground and air units, directing artillery to enemy positions and fighter-bombers to opportune targets.

Aided Third Army and other Allied organizations in the battle to breach the Siegfried Line, Sep-Dec Participated in the Battle of the Bulge, Dec 1944-Jan 1945, by flying reconnaissance missions in the combat zone. From Feb 1945 to V-E Day, assisted the advance of Third Army across the Rhine, to Czechoslovakia, and into Austria. Remained in Germany after the war as part of the army of occupation, being assigned to United States Air Forces in Europe. Transferred, without personnel and equipment, to the US in Jun 1947

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