

# **18<sup>th</sup> RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON (BOMBARDMENT)**

## **MISSION**

### **LINEAGE**

18<sup>th</sup> Observation Squadron (Light) constituted, 5 Feb 1942

Activated, 2 Mar 1942

Redesignated 18<sup>th</sup> Observation Squadron, 4 Jul 1942

Inactivated, 18 Oct 1942

Activated, 1 Mar 1943

Redesignated 18<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Squadron (Bombardment), 2 Apr 1943

Disbanded, 15 Aug 1943

### **STATIONS**

Dover, DE, 2 Mar 1942

Langley Field, VA, 23 Mar 1942

Pope Field, NC, 16 Jun 1942

Jacksonville, FL, 26 Aug 1942

Birmingham, AL, 18 Oct 1942

Columbia AAB, SC, 1 Mar 1943

Florence AAFld, SC, 12 Apr-15 Aug 1943

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Air Force Combat Command, 2 Mar 1942

Army Air Forces, 9 Mar 1942

65<sup>th</sup> Observation Group, 29 Mar-18 Oct 1942

65<sup>th</sup> Observation (later Reconnaissance) Group, 1 Mar-15 Aug 1943

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

L-1, 1942

O-47, 1942

B-25D, 1943

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

None

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Antisubmarine, American Theater

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

#### **Decorations**

None

### **EMBLEM**

None

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

Antisubmarine patrols, Sep-Oct 1942. Replacement training, Apr-Aug 1943.

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#### Sources

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