

28th PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

28th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron constituted, 5 Feb 1943

Redesignated 28th Photographic Squadron (Light), 6 Feb 1943

Activated, 1 May 1943

Redesignated 28th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, 11 Aug 1943

Inactivated, 29 May 1946

STATIONS

Peterson Field, CO, 1 May 1943

Will Rogers Field, OK, 13 Oct 1943-1 Jan 1944

Kipapa Airfield, TH, 16 Jan 1944 (detachments operated from Kwajalein, 30 Jun-24 Sep 1944

Saipan, 11 Jul 1944-May 1945; Peleliu, 5 Oct 1944-Apr 1945)

Kualoa Airfield, TH, 9 Oct 1944 (detachment operated from Okinawa, 23 Apr-8 May 1945)

Okinawa, 8 May 1945-29 May 1946 (detachment operated from Ie Shima, 14 May-21 Jun 1945)

ASSIGNMENTS

7th Photographic (later Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping) Group, 1 May 1943

Third Air Force Photographic Unit Training Center (attached to 2nd Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping Group), 21 Jun 1943

III Reconnaissance Command, 15 Aug 1943

89th Reconnaissance Training Wing, 27 Sep 1943

Seventh Air Force, 16 Jan 1944

VI Air Service Area Command (attached to VII Fighter Command), 12 Dec 1944

Seventh Air Force, 23 Apr 1945

Eighth Air Force, 31 Aug 1945

316th Bombardment Wing, 15-29 May 1946

ATTACHMENTS

9th Photographic Reconnaissance Group, 16 Nov 1943

VII Fighter Command, 24 Jan 1944

WEAPON SYSTEMS

A-24B, 1944

F-4, 1943

F-5, 1943

F-5B

F-5E

P-38

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Eastern Mandates

Western Pacific

Ryukyus

Air Offensive, Japan

China Offensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

None

EMBLEM

Over and through a light pastel blue disc, border black, a caricatured red wolf holding and focusing a black aerial camera, while riding a light gray winged comet, leaving curved yellow speed trail toward sinister chief, and diving toward small yellow sphere marked with blue land indications in sinister base, breaking through rim of disc, all between a yellow star and decrescent moon in dexter chief and a star of like color in sinister base. (Approved, 2 Aug 1944)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Combat in Central and Western Pacific, 4 Jul 1944-Aug 1945.

In June and July, the squadron sent detachments to Kwajalein and Saipan, and the F-5s subsequently made photo runs over targets in the Pacific Ocean Area, gathering target information and, after raids

were carried out, taking damage assessment photos. In May 1945, the Squadron was brought together on Okinawa.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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