

74th RECONNAISSANCE GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

74th Observation Group constituted, 5 Feb 1942

Activated, 27 Feb 1942

Redesignated 74th Reconnaissance Group, Apr 1943

Redesignated 74th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, Aug 1943

Inactivated, 7 Nov 1945

Redesignated 74th Reconnaissance Group, allotted to the reserve and activated, 27 Dec 1946

Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

STATIONS

Lawson Field, GA, 27 Feb 1942

DeRidder, LA, 10 Apr 1942

Esler Field, LA, 13 Dec 1942

Desert Center, CA, 28 Dec 1942

Morris Field, NC, Sep 1943

Camp Campbell AAFld, KY, Nov 1943

DeRidder AAB, LA, Apr 1944

Stuttgart AAFld, AR, Feb-7 Nov 1945

Stewart Field, NY, 27 Dec 1946-27 Jun 1949

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

O-52

L-1
L-4
L-5
B-25
A-20
P-39
P-40
P-51

COMMANDERS

Capt Austin H. Burleigh, 1942
Maj George G. Finch, 27 Mar 1942
Col Clarence D. Wheeler, 7 Apr 1942
LTC James R. Gunn Jr., 26 Oct 1943
LTC Herbert A. Bott, c. 10 Nov 1943
Maj Woodrow W. Ramsey, 23 Apr 1944
LTC Richard A. Morehouse, 22 Sep 1944
Col Yancey S. Tarrant, Aug 1945
Col John T. Shields, 26 Sep-7 Nov 1945

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

American Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Flew reconnaissance, mapping, artillery adjustment, bombing, dive-bombing, and strafing missions to support ground units in training or on maneuvers; trained personnel in aerial reconnaissance, medium bombardment, and fighter techniques.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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