

## 3 COMPOSITE SQUADRON



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

7 Observation Squadron constituted, 28 Jan 1942  
Activated, 6 Feb 1942  
Redesignated 7 Reconnaissance Squadron, 22 Jun 1943  
Redesignated 3 Composite Squadron, 9 Oct 1943  
Inactivated, 7 Nov 1945  
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

### STATIONS

Pope Field, NC, 6 Feb 1942  
Lawson Field, GA, 6 Apr 1942-7 Nov 1945

### ASSIGNMENTS

Office of Chief of Air Corps, 6 Feb 1942  
Army Air Forces, 9 Mar 1942 (attached to Infantry School)  
III Reconnaissance Command, 30 Aug 1943  
I (later III) Tactical Air Division, 8 Nov 1943  
III Tactical Air Command, 1 Oct 1944  
XIX Tactical Air Command, 25 Oct-7 Nov 1945

### WEAPON SYSTEMS

L-1C, 1942-1943  
L-3B, 1942-1944  
L-4, 1942  
O-47, 1942-1943

O-52, 1942-1943  
A-17, 1943  
A-20, 1943-1944  
P-39, 1943-1944  
B-25, 1943-1945  
L-5, 1943-1945  
P-40, 1944-1945  
RDB-7B  
P-51, 1944-1945  
A-36, 1944  
A-26, 1945

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

American Theater

#### **Campaign Streamers**

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

### **Decorations**

### **EMBLEM**

On a heptagon gold, piped ultramarine blue, a key hole outlined in ultramarine blue, inclosing a red aerial bomb, point to base, and surmounting two light blue lightning flashes end-sinisterwise, points to base. (Approved, 25 Feb 1943)

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

Aerial support for training ground forces.

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