

3 SHORAN BEACON SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

3 Shoran Beacon Squadron activated 13 Sep 1950

Redesignated 3 Shoran Beacon Flight, Nov 1951

Redesignated 3 Shoran Beacon Squadron, Aug 1953

STATIONS

Victorville, Calif

Lawson AFB, GA

Toules, France

Rothwesten, Germany

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Capt Edmund Jacobs

Maj Jene A. Knierim

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

3 Shoran Beacon Squadron had been activated as a unit in Victorville, Calif. on 13 Sep 1950 with Capt. Edmund Jacobs as Commander, with personnel from the Tactical Air Force. Its unit mission combined Short Range Radar Support and Navigational Aids. The unit moved to Lawson Air Force Base, Fort Benning, GA where they participated in the "Southern Pine Maneuvers" in North and South Carolina. They were redesignated a Flight on Nov., 1951, and were put under the Command of Major Jene A. Knierim.

In Jan., 1952 they were assigned to Twelfth Air Force and stationed in Toules, France for 8 months. From there they moved to Bavaria and received logistical support from the 601st AC&W Sqdn. at Rothwesten, Germany.

In August 1953, the 3rd Beacon Flight became a Squadron. New personnel were assigned, and among its new expanded duties, enlarged the radar support given to units of Twelfth Air Force, Europe.

In January 1954, on a Saturday all 3rd Shoran Beacon Sqdn. personnel were restricted to the base, with orders to pack enough supplies for a 45 day TDY to an unspecified location. When the orders finally came, the unit convoyed to Rhein Main airfield. The entire detachment was airlifted by a C-124 to Sidi Slimane, North Africa in one day. The plane carrying the advance party was fortunate in having good flying weather; but the second plane ran into heavy rain storms making it difficult for the pilots and unit passengers to retain their composure, to say nothing of retaining their meals. After what was regarded as a successful mission by all concerned, the unit returned in a C-119 under more tolerable conditions than the flight from Germany.

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