

## 24<sup>th</sup> INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON

On 1 April AF ISR Agency's 693 IG took control of the 24 IS with its reassignment from USAFE. 2008



## 33<sup>rd</sup> PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON

### LINEAGE

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

Activated, 27 Feb 1942

Redesignated 24<sup>th</sup> Observation Squadron, 4 Jul 1942

Redesignated 24<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Squadron (Bombardment), 2 Apr 1943

Redesignated 33<sup>rd</sup> Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, 11 Aug 1943

Inactivated, 4 Oct 1945

### STATIONS

Wilmington, NC, 27 Feb 1942

Key Field, MS, 27 Feb 1942

Pope Field, NC, 28 Mar 1942

Vichy, MO, 14 Dec 1942

Morris Field, NC, 8 May 1943

Gainesville AAFld, TX, 30 Oct 1943

Will Rogers Field, OK, 16 Jan-12 Apr 1944

Chalgrove, England, 27 Apr 1944

Le Molay, France, 15 Aug 1944

Toussus le Noble, France, 30 Aug 1944

Gosselies, Belgium, 21 Sep 1944  
Le Culot, Belgium, 5 Nov 1944  
Venlo, Holland, 10 Mar 1945  
Gutersloh, Germany, 16 Apr 1945  
Brunswick, Germany, 25 Apr 1945  
Eschwege, Germany, 17 May-23 Aug 1945  
Camp Myles Standish, MA, 3-4 Oct 1945

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

76<sup>th</sup> Observation (later Reconnaissance) Group, 27 Feb 1942  
III Reconnaissance (later Tactical Air) Command, 11 Aug 1943  
10<sup>th</sup> Photographic Group, 1 May 1944  
67<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 13 Jun 1944  
XXIX Tactical Air Command (Prov), 7 Oct 1944  
363<sup>rd</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 30 Oct 1944  
67<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance (later Reconnaissance) Group, 17 May 1945  
363<sup>rd</sup> Reconnaissance Group, c. 5 Jul-20 Aug 1945

### **ATTACHMENTS**

10<sup>th</sup> Photographic Group to 11 Aug 1944  
67<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Group to 2 Nov 1944

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

A-20  
B-25  
DB/RDB-7  
L-4  
P-39  
P-43  
P-51  
P-38/F-5, 1944-1945

### **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS**

### **ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES**

### **UNIT COLORS**

### **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**  
American Theater

**Campaign Streamers**  
Offensive, Europe

Air Normandy  
 Northern France  
 Rhineland  
 Ardennes-Alsace  
 Central Europe  
 Air Combat, EAME Theater

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citation  
 Cited in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army  
 [12 Aug-28] Sep 1944  
 [6 Nov]-17 Dec 1944  
 18 Dec 1944-[14] Jan 1945

Belgian Fourragere

**EMBLEM**

On and over a disc divided per fess wavy, upper segment dark blue, lower light blue, a death's head proper, emitting a yellow lightning bolt from each eye socket, superimposed on a large red aerial bomb placed diagonally across base, point to dexter. (Approved, 10 Oct 1942)

**EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

**MOTTO**

**NICKNAME**

**OPERATIONS**

Combat in ETO, 23 May 1944-3 May 1945.

440617	P-38	43-28300	10	33	
441205	F-5	44-23696	363	33	
441225	P-38	44-23241	363	33	
450408	P-38	44-23229	363	33	

440531	F-5C	42-67105	33PRS	10PRG	465	KCR	Jackson, Andrew L	Croydon AD/ 5mi E
440706	F-5E	43-28321	33PRS	10PRG	465	TOA	Rogers, Theodore A	Chalgrove/Sta 465
440707	F-5E	43-28302*	33PRS	10PRG	465	KCR	Heacock, Joseph W Jr	Chalgrove/nr Sta 465
440714	UC-78	43-31776	33PRS	10PRG	465	FLEF	Freeland, Troit D	Oxford/ 4mi N

440307	F-5B	42-67312	33PRS	2PRG	Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, OK	FLEF	Sampson, Garfield E	Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, OK
440307	P-38H	42-66786	33PRS	2PRG	Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, OK	CBLEF	Clevenger, William C	12 Mi W Davis, OK
450719	F-5E	44-23240	33PRS	363PRG	R11	TOA	Kovich, George (NMI)	Eschwege/R-11
450227	F-5E	44-24291	33PRS	363TG	Y10	TAC	Sincero, Thomas F	Le Culot East/Y-10
441226	F-5E	43-29020	33PRS	363TRG	Y10	LAC	Brooks, George M	Le Culot/A-89
450120	F-5B1	42-68252	33PRS	363TRG	Y10	TAC	Evans, William J	Le Culot/A-89
450214	TF-5B	42-68211	33PRS	363TRG	Y10	TAC	Wynns, Kelsey O	Le Culot East/Y-10
450322	F-5E-4	44-24233	33PRS	363TRG	Venlo (Y-55)	TAC	Coffey, George L	Venlo (Y-55)
450420	F-5E	44-24921	33PRS	363TRG	Gutersloh (Y-99)	MAC	Langley, Robert C	Gutersloh (Y-99)
450424	F-5E	43-28309	33PRS	363TRG	Y99	TAC	Phillips, Everett P	Gutersloh/Y-99
450502	F-5E	44-24102	33PRS	363TRG	R37	KCR	Flippo, Wilson M	Versfeld/ S
440819	F-5E	43-28581	33PRS	67TRG	A 9	BOEF	Broderick, James A	Bayeux/ 4mi ESE
450603	F-5E	43-28584	33PRS	67TRG	R11	KCBLEF	Scott, William S Jr	Eschwege/5mi SW R-11
450701	F-5E	43-28307	33PRS	67TRG	R11	LAC	Shreve, Richard H	Eschwege/R-11

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Sources

**LINEAGE**

**STATIONS**

Ramstein AB, Germany

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

On a disc per fess wavy, Azure and Light Blue, a death's head Proper, emitting a lightning bolt from each eye socket Or, surmounting a large aerial bomb dropping bendwise sinister Gules, banded behind the nose and before the tail fins by two stripes of the first, all within a narrow border Blue. Attached below the disc, a White scroll edged with a narrow Blue border and inscribed "24TH INTELLIGENCE SQ" in Blue letters.

## **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The human skull represents the Squadron's determination to fulfill the assigned mission. The bomb is reminiscent of the strong resolve to defend against enemies. The lightning flashes reflect the illumination of knowledge provided by the unit's intelligence mission. The skull and aerial bomb are historical in design dating back to 1942 when the design was approved by General Henry "Hap" Arnold at HQ, U.S. Army Air Forces as the official marking for aircraft assigned to the 24th Observation Squadron.

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

### **24TH INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON Lineage**

Constituted as 24th Observation Squadron (Light) on 5 Feb 1942. Activated on 27 Feb 1942. Re-designated 24th Observation Squadron on 4 Jul 1942. Re-designated 24th Reconnaissance Squadron (Bombardment) on 2 Apr 1943. Re-designated 33d Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron on 11 Aug 1943. Inactivated on 4 Oct 1945. Re-designated 24th Air Intelligence Squadron on 1 Feb 1992. Activated on 11 Feb 1992. Inactivated on 1 Dec 1995. Re-designated 24th Intelligence Squadron on 17 Dec 2002. Activated on 8 Jan

### 2003. Honors Campaign Streamers

World War II Air Offensive Europe [1942–1944]. Normandy [1944]. Northern France [1944]. Rhineland [1944–1945]. Ardennes-Alsace [1944–1945]. Central Europe [1945]. Air Combat Europe-Africa-Middle East Theater [1941–1945]. Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation France, 6–20 May 1944. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award 11 Feb 1992–31 Jul 1993. 1 Jan 2006–31 Dec 2007, USAFE SO #53, 2008. 1 June 2007–31 May 2009, AFISRA SO #G-013, 16 Dec 2009.

### Special Honors

Cited in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army, [12 Aug–28] Sep 1944 Cited in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army, [6 Nov]–17 Dec 1944 480th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Wing Page 71

Cited in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army, 18 Dec 1944–[14] Jan 1945 Belgian Fourragere.

U.S. Air Force Europe Outstanding Intelligence Unit, 2003

### Assignments

76th Observation Group (later, 76th Reconnaissance Group), 27 Feb 1942; III Reconnaissance Command (later, III Tactical Air Command), 11 Aug 1943; 10th Photographic Group (Reconnaissance), 1 May 1944; 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 13 Jun 1944 (attached to 10 Photographic Group to 11 Aug 1944); XXIX Tactical Air Command (Provisional), 7 Oct 1944 (attached to 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Group to 2 Nov 1944); 363rd Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 30 Oct 1944; 67th Tactical Reconnaissance Group (later, 67th Reconnaissance Group), 17 May 1945; 363rd Reconnaissance Group, c. 5 Jul 1945; Unknown, c. 20 Aug–4 Oct 1945; 24th Operations Group, 11 February 1992–1 Dec 1995; United States Air Forces in Europe Air and Space Operations Center, 8 Jan 2003; 616th Support Group, 1 Nov 2005; 603rd Support Group, 1 Dec 2006; 693rd Intelligence Group (later, 693rd Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group), 1 Apr 2008–Present. Stations

Wilmington, North Carolina, 27 Feb 1942; Key Field, Mississippi, 27 Feb 1942; Pope Field, North Carolina, 28 Mar 1942; Vichy, Missouri, 14 Dec 1942; Morris Field, North Carolina, 8 May 1943; Gainesville AAF, Texas, 30 Oct 1943, then on to Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma, 16 Jan–12 Apr 1944; Chalgrove, England, 27 Apr 1944; Le Molay, France, 15 Aug 1944; Toussus le Noble, France, 30 Aug 1944; Gosselies, Belgium, 21 Sep 1944; Le Culot, Belgium, 5 Nov 1944; Venlo, Holland, 10 Mar 1945; Gutersloh, Germany, 16 Apr 1945; Brunswick, Germany, 25 Apr 1945; Eschwege, Germany, 17 May–23 Aug 1945; Camp Myles Standish, Massachusetts, 3–4 Oct 1945; Howard Air Force Base, Panama, 11 Feb 1992–1 Dec 1995; Ramstein Air Base, Germany, 8 Jan 2003–Present. Aircraft

Douglas A-20 Havoc 1942–1944 North American B-25 Mitchell, 1942–1944 North American P-51D Mustang 1942–1944

Douglas DB/RDB-7 Havoc 1942–1944 Piper L-4 Grasshopper 1942–1944 Bell P-39 Airacobra 1942–1944 Republic P-43 Lancer 1942–1944 Lockheed P-38/F-5 Lightning 1944–1945 Blazon

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24th Observation Squadron (Light) [27 Feb 1942–4 Jul 1942] 1st Lt John Pabst Mar 1942 1st Lt Arthur L. Mason Unknown 2nd Lt William J. MacKenzie Unknown 1st Lt Ernest R. Berg c. 1 May 1942–4 Jul 1942 24th Observation Squadron [4 July 1942–2 April 1943] 1st Lt Ernest R. Berg 4 Jul 1942–2 Apr 1943 24th Reconnaissance Squadron (Bombardment) [2 Apr 1943–11 Aug 1943] 1st Lt Ernest R. Berg 2 Apr 1943 Maj Leon H. McCurdy c. 25 Jul 1943–11 Aug 1943 33d Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron [11 Aug 1943–4 Oct 1945] Maj Leon H. McCurdy 11 Aug 1943 Capt Theodore A. Rogers c. 16 Oct 1944 Capt Thomas A."Pops" Roberts c. 23 Dec 1944 Capt William S. Scott, Jr. c. 17 May 1945 Maj Harry W. Trimble c. 3 June 1945 Capt Stamy E. Edmisten, Jr. c. 15 Sep 1945–4 Oct 1945

24 Air Intelligence Squadron [11 Feb 1992–1 Dec 1995] Unknown 24 Intelligence Squadron [8 Jan 2003-Present.] Lt Col Jean McIntyre Unknown Lt Col Kathleen Sakura 2004 Lt Col Jenny A. McGee 2005 Lt Col Mark P. Braisted 6 July 2007 Lt Col Todd M. Berrier 2 Jul 2009, 693 ISR GP SO #G09-53, 30 Jun 2009. Lt Col Robert G. Ramirez 7 Jul 2011, AFISRA SO #G-11-52, 15 Jun 2011.

420915	L-4A	42-36645	24OS	76OG	Pope Field, Fort Bragg, NC	FLEF	Steier, Arthur H	3 mi NE of Fayetteville, NC
421010	L-4A	42-36667	24OS	76OG	Pope Field, Fort Bragg, NC	LAC	Doorly, William T	Sanford, NC
421023	O-47A	38-321	24OS	76OG	Pope Field, Fort Bragg, NC	FLEF	Robinson, Billy	Florence, KY
421109	P-43A	40-2949	24OS	76OG	Pope Field, Fort Bragg, NC	TOAMF	Kaspar, Arthur A	Pope Field, NC
421214	L-4A	42-36650	24OS	76OG	Pope Field, Fort Bragg, NC	FLEF	Siegel, Sammy	3 mi SE of Blytheville, AR
421022	L-4A	42-36502	24OS	79SG	Pope Field, Fort Bragg, NC	KSSPCR	Mills, Harold L	4 mi N of Pope Field, NC
420524	L-4A	42-36646	24OS		Pope Field, Ft Bragg,	CRGC	Mills, Harold L.	Fort Bragg, NC

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430319	L-4A	42-15231	24 Obsn	76 Obsn	Vichy AAF, MO	TOA	St Aubin, Robert J	Camp Crowder, MO
430327	P-43D	41-6687	24 Obsn	76 Obsn	Vichy AAF, MO	KMACOB	Barnes, Morton D	Vichy AAF, MO

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