MISSION

LINEAGE
6th Photographic Squadron constituted, 19 Jan 1942
Activated, 28 Jan 1942
Redesignated 6th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, 9 Jun 1942
Redesignated 6th Photographic Squadron (Photographic Compilation), 28 Nov 1942
Disbanded, 1 Jan 1945

6th Liaison Squadron constituted, Nov 1945
Activated, 10 Dec 1945
Inactivated, 31 Mar 1946
Redesignated 6th Liaison Flight, 7 Oct 1949
Activated, 27 Oct 1949
Inactivated, 8 Sep 1952
Redesignated 6th Liaison Squadron, 8 Sep 1952
Activated, 18 Sep 1952
Inactivated, 18 Jan 1954

6th Airborne Command and Control Squadron constituted, 27 Oct 1972
Activated, 31 Oct 1972

Consolidated squadron retained 6th Airborne Command and Control Squadron designation.

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1992

STATIONS
Geiger Field, WA, 28 Jan 1942
Felts Field, WA, 2 Feb 1942
Colorado Springs, CO, 16 May 1942
Jefferson Barracks, MO, 14 Dec 1944-1 Jan 1954
Frankfurt am Main, Germany, 10 Dec 1945-15 Feb 1946
Bolling Field, D.C., 15 Feb-31 Mar 1946
Albrook AFB, Canal Zone, Panama, 27 Oct 1949-8 Sep 1952
Alexandria AFB, LA, 18 Sep 1952-18 Jan 1954

ASSIGNMENTS
Second Air Force, 28 Jan 1942
II Air Support Command, 29 Mar 1942
2nd Photographic Group, 7 May 1942
Army Air Forces, 28 Nov 1942
Third Air Force, 8 Mar 1943
1st Photographic Charting Group, 13 Nov 1943
311th Photographic Wing (Mapping and Charting), 5 Oct 1944-1 Jan 1945
64th Fighter Wing, 10 Dec 1945
Continental Air Forces (Later Strategic Air Command), 15 Feb 1946-31 Mar 1946
5700th Air Base Group, 27 Oct 1949-8 Sep 1952
Tactical Air Command, 18 Sep 1952-18 Jan 1954
4500th Air Base Wing, 31 Oct 1972
1st Tactical Fighter Wing, 19 Apr 1976

ATTACHMENTS
132nd Fighter Bomber Wing, 18 Sep-31 Dec 1952
366th Fighter Bomber Wing, 1 Jan 1953-18 Jan 1954

WEAPON SYSTEMS
P-38, 1942
F-4A
L-5, 1945
L-5, 1949
L-13, 1950
L-20, 1952
EC-135H, 1973
EC-135P
COMMANDERS

HONORS
Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

On an ultramarine blue triangle, wide border white, edged black, a segment of a relief map sphere green, yellow, and tan, supporting a caricatured white owl in tan flight suit, taking measurements on surface of sphere with red dividers held in right hand, and holding in the left hand a yellow foot rule; a white spherical scale etched with black division lines issuing from dexter side of triangle and passing over segment of sphere. (Approved, 10 Sep 1943)

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OPERATIONS
6th Photographic Squadron (Photographic Compilation) mission, was compiling aerial photographs into aeronautical charts.

Compilation of aeronautical charts, Dec 1942-1945.

6th Liaison Squadron; one of its early missions was to transport senior medical officers to
Heidelberg, Germany to attend to seriously injured LTG George Patton. Squadron used enlisted pilots. Squadron flew missions to monitor flooded areas of Kassel and Marsburg, Germany.

In Louisiana, squadron provided courier services, light transport of cargo and passengers, search and rescue, aerial spraying, and disaster relief.

Langley AFB gained an airborne command and control unit with the activation of the 6th Airborne Command and Control Squadron on 3 October 1972. The squadron became operational in January 1973. The "Scope Light" squadron's EC-135 aircraft provided airborne mobile command post facilities for the Commander in Chief, Atlantic Command, headquartered at Norfolk, Virginia. The EC-135s also provided communications between Atlantic Command and the National Command Authorities during contingencies. Furthermore, the EC-135s could provide emergency air refueling to fighter aircraft or to other EC-135s.