

# 76<sup>th</sup> RECONNAISSANCE GROUP

## MISSION

### LINEAGE

76<sup>th</sup> Observation Group constituted, 5 Feb 1942

Activated, 27 Feb

Redesignated 76<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Group, Apr 1943

Redesignated 76<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Group, Aug 1943

Disbanded, 15 Apr 1944

### STATIONS

MacDill Field, FL, 27 Feb 1942

Key Field, MS, c. 3 Mar 1942

Pope Field, NC, c. 28 Mar 1942

Vichy, MO, Dec 1942

Morris Field, NC, May 1943

Thermal AAFld, CA, Sep 1943-15 Apr 1944

### ASSIGNMENTS

P-39

P-40

A-20

B-25

L-1

L-4

L-5

L-6

### WEAPON SYSTEMS

### COMMANDERS

LTC H. N. Burkhalter, Mar 1942

Maj James E. Ilgenfritz, c. 21 Jan 1943  
LTC John T. Shields, c. 18 Sep 1943-unkn  
Maj Klem F. Kalberer, 1944

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

American Theater

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

Azure a drop bomb argent surmounted by a pair of binoculars bendwise gules winged or.  
(Approved, 5 Nov 1942)

## **MOTTO**

OUR OBSERVATION, YOUR SECURITY

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Trained in aerial reconnaissance and air support techniques and aided ground units in their training, Feb 1942-May 1943; assisted Second Army on maneuvers, May-Sep 1943; participated in maneuvers with ground forces in the California-Arizona desert training area beginning in Sep 1943.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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### Sources

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