

## **3<sup>rd</sup> INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON**



### **LINEAGE**

3<sup>rd</sup> Photo Lab Section constituted, 9 Oct 1943

Activated, 20 Oct 1943

Redesignated 3<sup>rd</sup> Photographic Technical Unit, 10 Nov 1944

Inactivated, 5 Nov 1945

8<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Technical Squadron constituted, 25 Jan 1952

Activated on 16 Feb 1952

Inactivated 31 Mar 1970

3<sup>rd</sup> Photographic Technical Unit and 8<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Technical Squadron consolidated, and redesignated 3 Reconnaissance Technical Squadron, 16 Oct 1984

Redesignated 3<sup>rd</sup> Intelligence Squadron, 6 Oct 2010

Activated, 1 Nov 2010

### **STATIONS**

Morris Fld, NC, 20 Oct 1943

Campbell AAFld, KY, 8 Nov 1943

Camp Patrick Henry, VA, 13-22 Feb 1944

India, 25 Apr 1944

Dinjan, India, Jun 1944

Bally, India, Nov 1944-7 Oct 1945

Camp Kilmer, NY 3-5 Nov 1945

Carswell AFB, TX, 16 Feb 1952

Westover AFB, MA, 1 May 1955-31 Mar 1970

Fort Gordon, GA, 1 Nov 2010

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

74<sup>th</sup> Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 20 Oct 1943  
Tenth Air Force, 22 Apr 1944  
8<sup>th</sup> Photographic Reconnaissance Group, 18 Jul 1944-5 Nov 1945  
Eighth Air Force, 16 Feb 1952-31 Mar 1970  
480<sup>th</sup> Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group, 1 Nov 2010

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

None

#### **Campaign Streamers**

World War II  
Central Burma  
India-Burma

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

None

### **Decorations**

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award  
1 Jul 1965-30 Jun 1966

### **EMBLEM**

On a disc Gules, off center to sinister chief a terrestrial globe Celeste, land masses Azure, fimbriated Argent, overall a contrail from sinister chief of the third, bordered of the fourth, terminating in dexter base as a mullet on its axis of the like, shaded of the second, charged with a hurt debruised by an increscent of the third, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "3D INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON" in Yellow letters. 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 background, shooting star and globe are retained from the original 8th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron emblem. The background depicts the color emanating from the darkrooms when the 3rd Photo Lab Unit and the 8th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron were assigned a photographic intelligence mission, as well as "hardiness and valour" symbolized in the American Flag. The shooting star superimposed on the globe represents the intelligence mission. The three rays forming the trail of the star symbolize the core values of the United States Air Force: Integrity, Service and Excellence. The globe represents the unit's global signals intelligence mission. (Approved, 30 Oct 1959).

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

Squadron mission was photographic aerial mapping in the China-India-Burma Theater of Operations.



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