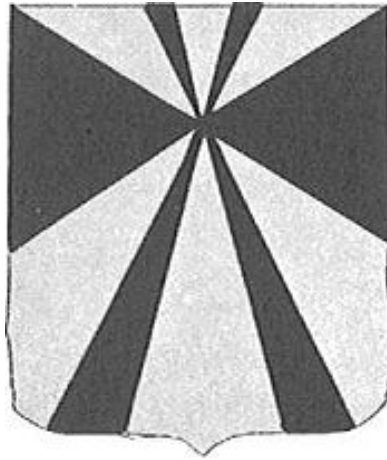


4th RECONNAISSANCE GROUP



LINEAGE

4th Photographic Group Constituted, 14 Jul 1942
Activated, 23 Jul 1942
Redesignated 4th Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping Group, May 1943
Redesignated 4th Photographic Group (Reconnaissance), Nov 1943
Redesignated 4th Reconnaissance Group, May 1945
Inactivated, 15 Jan 1946
Disbanded, 6 Mar 1947

STATIONS

Colorado Springs, CO, 23 Jul-24 Oct 1942
New Caledonia, 22 Nov 1942
Espiritu Santo, 22 Jan 1943
Guadalcanal, 6 May 1944
Morotai, 12 Dec 1944
Leyte, Sep 1945-15 Jan 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

Thirteenth AF, Jan 1943

WEAPON SYSTEMS

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COMMANDERS

2LT Everett E. Shaw, 23 Jul 1942
LTC Francis L. Rivard, 10 Aug 1942
LTC Charles P. Hollstein, 3 Sep 1942
Col Paul C. Schauer, 18 Jul 1943
LTC Hillford R. Wallace, 7 Jun 1944

Maj Sidney L. Hardin, 4 Aug 1944
LTC Hershell E. Parsons, 20 Jan 1945

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Guadalcanal
New Guinea
Northern Solomons
Bismarck Archipelago
Western Pacific
Leyte
Southern Philippines

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

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OPERATIONS

Flew reconnaissance missions over enemy territory to supply air force units with target and damage-assessment photographs and to provide army and navy units with intelligence on Japanese troop concentrations, installations, shore defenses, supply routes, and shipping. It also produced maps of Allied and enemy-held territory and prepared navigation charts for US units. During the last three months of the war the group photographed Japanese positions and installations on Mindanao and Borneo to aid US and Australian operations.

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