

# 10<sup>th</sup> TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP

## LINEAGE

73rd Observation Group constituted, 21 Aug 1941  
Activated, 1 Sep 1941  
Redesignated 73rd Reconnaissance Group, Apr 1943  
Redesignated 73rd Tactical Reconnaissance Group, Aug 1943  
Redesignated 10th Photographic Group (Reconnaissance), Dec 1943  
Redesignated 10th Reconnaissance Group, Jun 1945  
Redesignated 10th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, Jun 1948  
Inactivated, 1 Apr 1949  
Activated, 10 Jul 1952

## STATIONS

Harrisburg, PA, 1 Sep 1941  
Godman Field, KY, c. 7 Nov 1941  
Camp Campbell AAFld, KY, c. 23 Jun 1943  
Key Field, MS, Nov 1943-Jan 1944  
Chalgrove, England, Feb 1944  
Rennes/St-Jacques, France, c. n Aug 1944  
Chateau-dun, France, c. 24 Aug 1944  
St-Dizier/ Robinson, France, Sep 1944  
Conflans/ Doncourt, France, Nov 1944  
Trier/Evren, Germany, Mar 1945  
Ober Olm, Germany, c. 5 Apr 1945  
Furth, Germany, c. 28 Apr 1945  
Furstenfeldbruck, Germany, Apr-Jun 1947  
Langley Field, VA, 25 Jun 1947  
Lawson Field, GA, c. 8 Sep 1947  
Pope Field, NC, c. 27 Sep 1947-1 Apr 1949  
Furstenfeldbruck AB, Germany, to Jul 1952  
Toul/Rosiere AB, France, Nov 1952  
Spangdahlem AB, Germany, May 1953

## ASSIGNMENTS

Ninth AF  
United States Air Forces in Europe

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

F-3  
F-5  
F-6  
L-1  
L-4  
L-5  
RF-51  
RB-26  
RB-57  
RF-80  
RF-84

### **COMMANDERS**

Maj Edgar M. Scattergood Jr., 1 Sep 1941  
LTC John C. Kennedy, 6 Nov 1941  
Cpt Phillip H. Hatch, 24 Jan 1942  
LTC Robert M. Lee, 9 Feb 1942  
Maj Burton L. Austin, 26 Dec 1942  
LTC Bernard C. Rose, 19 Jan 1943  
LTC Crawford H. Hollidge, 28 Jan 1943  
Maj William A. Daniel, 4 Aug 1943  
Col William B. Reed, 9 Sep 1943  
Col Russell A. Berg, 20 Jun 1944-unkn  
LTC W. D. Hayes Jr., 1945  
Col Marvin S. Zipp, 11 Jan 1946-19 Jun 1947  
LTC James L. Rose, 1 Oct 1947  
LTC Harrison R. Christy Jr., 16 Dec 1947  
LTC Edward O. McComas, 6 Jan 1948  
Col William A. Daniel, 26 Jan 1948-unkn  
LTC Bernie B. McEntire Jr., 10 Jul 1952  
Col Willie O. Jackson Jr., Dec 1952  
LTC Steven R. Wilkerson, c. 22 Sep 1953  
Col Howard J. Withycombe, 23 Feb 1954  
Col Arthur E. Smith, 13 Jul 1954  
Col Fred W. Dyer, 23 Jun 1955

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

American Theater

Air Offensive, Europe  
Normandy  
Northern France  
Rhineland  
Ardennes-Alsace  
Central Europe

## **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citation  
France, 6-20 May 1944

### **EMBLEM**

Azure a sphere or, latitude and longitude lines sable, in chief the head and arms of the Greek mythical god Argus, head facing base, arms fesswise both hands toward dexter of the second, outlined of the field. (Approved 29 Dec 1942)

### **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

### **MOTTO**

ARGUS—Ceaseless Watch

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

Moved to the European theater, Jan-Feb 1944. airfields, coastal defenses, and ports, and made bomb-damage assessment photographs of airfields, marshalling yards, bridges, and other targets, in preparation for the Normandy invasion; received a DUC for flying at low altitude to photograph the coast from Blankenberghe to Dunkirk and from Le Touquet to St Vaast-la-Hougue, 6-20 May 1944.

Supported the invasion in Jun by making visual and photographic reconnaissance of bridges, artillery, road and railroad junctions, traffic centers, airfields, and other targets. Assisted the Allied drive toward the German border during the summer and early fall of 1944 by flying daylight and night photographic missions; also performed tactical reconnaissance for ground and air units, directing artillery to enemy positions and fighter-bombers to opportune targets. Aided Third Army and other Allied organizations in the battle to breach the Siegfried Line, Sep-Dec Participated in the Battle of the Bulge, Dec 1944-Jan 1945, by flying recon naissance missions in the combat zone. From Feb 1945 to V-E Day, assisted the advance of Third Army across the Rhine, to Czechoslovakia, and into Austria. Remained in Germany after the war as part of the army of occupation, being assigned to United States Air Forces in Europe. Transferred, without personnel and equipment, to the US in Jun 1947

Sources

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