

31st TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

31st Army Reconnaissance Squadron constituted, 20 Nov 1940
Activated, 15 Jan 1941
Redesignated 31st Observation Squadron, 14 Aug 1941
Redesignated 31st Observation Squadron (Medium), 13 Jan 1942
Redesignated 31st Observation Squadron, 4 Jul 1942
Redesignated 31st Reconnaissance Squadron (Fighter), 2 Apr 1943
Redesignated 31st Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, 11 Aug 1943
Inactivated, 3 Feb 1946
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

STATIONS

March Field, CA, 15 Jan 1941
Salinas, CA, 1 Oct 1941
San Bernardino, CA, 31 Dec 1941
Ontario, CA, 2 Jun 1942
Laurel, MS, 11 Nov 1942
DeRidder AAB, LA, 9 Apr 1943
Abilene AAFM, TX, 10 Sep 1943
Esler Field, LA, 13 Nov 1943
Key Field, MS, 25 Jan-26 Feb 1945
Maastricht, Holland, 22 Mar 1945
Wiesbaden, Germany, 19 Apr-Jul 1945
Drew Field, FL, 3 Aug 1945
MacDill Field, FL, 21 Dec 1945
Brooks Field, TX, 10 Jan-3 Feb 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

Ninth Corps Area, 15 Jan 1941

Fourth Army, 24 Jan 1941
Fourth Air Force, 1 Sep 1941
IV Air Support Command, 3 Sep 1941
69th Observation (later Reconnaissance; Tactical Reconnaissance) Group, 29 Mar 1942
Ninth Air Force, 20 Mar 1945
363rd Tactical Reconnaissance (later Reconnaissance) Group, 23 May 1945
United States Strategic Air Forces in Europe, 25 Jun 1945
Third Air Force, 3 Aug 1945
XIX Tactical Air Command, 10 Jan-3 Feb 1946

ATTACHMENTS

69th Observation Group from Dec 1941
9th Tactical Reconnaissance Group [Prov] from 28 Mar 1945
69th Reconnaissance Group to 3 Feb 1946

WEAPON SYSTEMS

O-49, 1941-1942
O-52, 1942
L-3B, 1942
P-40, 1943
P-39, 1943-1944
P-39F
P-39N
P-39Q
O-47
L-4
L-5
L-6 1942-1943
A-20
RDB-7
O-47
O-52
L-5 1943
P-40F, 1944-1945
P-40N
P-51/F-6, 1945
L-3B
L-5
L-6
P-39F
P-39N
P-39Q
P-40F
P-40N

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Antisubmarine, American Theater

Central Europe

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM



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OPERATIONS

Antisubmarine patrols, Jan-Sep 1942; combat in ETO, 22 Apr-11 May 1945. Not operationally manned and equipped, Aug 1945-Feb 1946

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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