

# **6<sup>th</sup> RECONNAISSANCE GROUP**

## **LINEAGE**

6<sup>th</sup> Photographic Group constituted, 5 Feb 1943

Activated, 9 Feb

Redesignated 6<sup>th</sup> Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping Group, May 1943

Redesignated 6<sup>th</sup> Photographic Reconnaissance Group, Aug 1943

Redesignated 6<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Group, May 1945

Inactivated, 27 Apr 1946

Disbanded, 6 Mar 1947

## **STATIONS**

Colorado Springs, CO, 9 Feb-7 Sep 1943

Sydney, Australia, 10 Oct 1943

Brisbane, Australia, 27 Nov 1943

Port Moresby, New Guinea, 10 Dec 1943

Nadzab, New Guinea, 17 Feb 1944

Biak, Aug 1944

Leyte, 3 Nov 1944

Clark Field, Luzon, 1 May 1945

Okinawa, 31 Jul 1945

Chofu, Japan, 27 Sep 1945

Irumagawa, Japan, Jan-27 Apr 1946

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

Fifth AF

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

F-5

F-7

## **COMMANDERS**

LTC Waymond A. Davis, 9 Feb 1943

Maj Cecil Darnell, 27 Feb 1943

Col David W. Hutchison, 13 Mar 1943

LTC Cecil Darnell, 24 Mar 1943  
Maj Arthur L. Post, 24 Jul 1944  
LTC Alexander Guerry, 1 Sep 1944  
LTC Ben K. Armstrong, Jr., 5 Jan 1945  
LTC Joseph Davis, Jr., 31 May 1945-unkn

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

Air Offensive, Japan  
China Defensive  
New Guinea  
Bismarck Archipelago  
Western Pacific  
Leyte  
Luzon  
Ryukyus  
Southern Philippines  
China Offensive

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citation  
Philippine Islands, 18-25 Sep 1944

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

### **EMBLEM**

None

### **EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE**

### **MOTTO**

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

Moved to the Southwest Pacific, Sep-Oct 1943. Used F-5s and F-7s to photograph Japanese airfields, harbors, beach defenses, and personnel areas in New Guinea, the Bismarcks, Borneo, and the southern Philippines. Reconnoitered target areas and enemy troop positions to provide intelligence for air force and army units. Received a DUC for unescorted flights to Leyte during Sep 1944 when in a minimum period of time the group obtained information about Japanese defenses, such information being necessary for planning the amphibious assault on the Philippines. After moving to the Philippines in Nov 1944, flew missions to Formosa and

China, engaged in mapping parts of Luzon and Mindanao, and provided intelligence for US ground forces concerning Japanese movements. Moved to Okinawa in Jul 1945 and flew missions over Kyushu before the war ended. Moved to Japan in Sep 1945.

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Sources

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