

12th PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

11 Photographic Squadron constituted, 7 May 1942
Activated, 14 May 1942
Redesignated 12 Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, 9 Jun 1942
Redesignated 12 Photographic Squadron (Light), 6 Feb 1943
Redesignated 12 Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, 13 Nov 1943
Inactivated, 12 Sep 1945

STATIONS

Colorado Springs, CO, 14 May-16 Oct 1942
Casablanca, French Morocco, 21 Nov 1942
Oujda, French Morocco, 11 Dec 1942
Algiers, Algeria, 25 Dec 1942
La Marsa, Tunisia, 13 Jun 1943 (detachment operated from Malta, 15-23 Jun 1943)
Ariana, Tunisia, 20 Jun 1943 (operated primarily from Gela/Ponte Olivo, Sicily, 20 Jul-19 Aug 1943)
La Marsa, Tunisia, 13 Oct 1943 (detachment operated from Ajaccio/Campo del Oro, Corsica, 18 Oct-26 Nov 1943)
San Severo, Italy, 8 Dec 1943
Pomigliano, Italy, 4 Jan 1944 (detachment operated from Nettuno, Italy, 27 Apr-22 Jun 1944)
Voltone, Italy, 17 Jun 1944 (detachment operated from Follonica, Italy, 1-14 Jul 1944)
Follonica, Italy, 15 Jul 1944 (detachment operated from Cecina, Italy, 14 Jul-27 Aug 1944, and Malignano, Italy, 27 Aug-24 Sep 1944)
Florence/Peretola, Italy, 21 Sep 1944
Villafranca, Italy, 30 Apr 1945
Florence/Peretola, Italy, 12 May 1945
Pomigliano, Italy, Aug-12 Sep 1945

ASSIGNMENTS

2 Photographic Group, 14 May 1942

Army Air Forces, 9 Jun 1942

3 Photographic (later Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping; Photographic; Reconnaissance) Group, 20 Jun 1942-12 Sep 1945

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-38/F-4, 1942-1944

P-38/P-5, 1943-1945

Spitfire (attached), 1944-1945

A-20, 1944

B-25, 1944-1945

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Tunisia

Sicily

Naples-Foggia

Anzio

Rome-Arno

North Apennines

Rhineland

Central Europe

Po Valley

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation

MTO, 28 Aug 1944

EMBLEM

None

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Combat MTO ETO, Dec 1942-3 May 1945.

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