

325th AIR DIVISION, RECONNAISSANCE

MISSION

LINEAGE

325th Photographic Wing, Reconnaissance established, 17 Jul 1944

Activated, 9 Aug 1944

Redesignated 325th Reconnaissance Wing, 26 Jun 1945

Inactivated, 20 Oct 1945

Activated in the Reserve, 9 Apr 1947

Redesignated 325th Air Division, Reconnaissance, 16 Apr 1948

Inactivated, 27 Jun 1949

STATIONS

High Wycombe, England, 9 Aug 1944-20 Oct 1945

Hamilton Field (later, AFB), CA, 9 Apr 1947-27 Jun 1949

ASSIGNMENTS

Eighth Air Force, 9 Aug 1944

VIII Fighter Command, 16 Jul-20 Oct 1945

Fourth Air Force, 9 Apr 1947-27 Jun 1949

COMMANDERS

Col Elliott Roosevelt, 9 Aug 1944

BG Charles Y. Banfill, 17 Jan 1945

BG Elliott Roosevelt, 22 Jan 1945

Col Leon W. Gray, 13 Apr 1945

Col George W. Humbrecht, 19 Jun-20 Oct 1945

Unkn, 9 Apr 1947-27 Jun 1949

HONORS

Service Streamers

World War II European-African-Middle Eastern Theater

Campaign Streamers

None

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

None

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OPERATIONS

From Aug 1944-Oct 1945, subordinate units of the 325th, using various aircraft, flew reconnaissance over the waters adjacent to the British Islands and the European continent to obtain meteorological data. Wing aircraft collected weather information needed in planning operations; flew night photographic missions to detect enemy activity; and provided daylight photographic and mapping missions. The wing also flew photographic missions over the Netherlands in support of Operation Market Garden in Sep 1944 and operated closely with tactical units in the Battle of the Bulge (Dec 1944-Feb 1945). Active in the Reserve, 9 Apr 1947-27 Jun 1949 and redesignated as a division, the organization participated in routine reserve training.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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