

## 2 PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE GROUP



### MISSION

Trained crews and units for photographic reconnaissance and mapping; occasionally provided personnel to help man new groups and squadrons.

### LINEAGE

2 Photographic Group constituted, 1 May 1942

Activated, 7 May

Redesignated 2 Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping Group, May 1943

Redesignated 2 Photographic Reconnaissance Group, Aug 1943

Disbanded, 1 May 1944

### STATIONS

Bradley Field, CT, 7 May 1942

Colorado Springs, CO, 13 May 1942

Will Rogers Field, OK, 7 Oct 1943-1 May 1944

### ASSIGNMENTS

Second Air Force

Third Air Force

### WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-17

B-24

B-25

L-4

L-5  
P-38  
A-20

## **COMMANDERS**

Capt Paul C. Schauer, 9 May 1942  
Lt Col Charles P. Hollstein, 13 May 1942  
Lt Col David W. Hutchinson, 5 Jul 1942  
Lt Col Charles P. Hollstein, 13 Aug 1942  
Lt Col Hillford R. Wallace, Sep 1942  
Lt Col David W. Hutchinson, 27 Feb 1943  
Lt Col Karl L. Polifka, 13 Mar 1943  
Lt Col Hillford R. Wallace, 29 Apr 1943  
Lt Col Charles P. Hollstein, 18 Sep 1943  
Lt Col Frank L. Dunn, 4 Dec 1943

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

American Theater

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

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## **MOTTO**

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