

## **III RECONNAISSANCE COMMAND**

### **LINEAGE**

I Air Support Command constituted, 21 Aug 1941  
Activated, 1 Sep 1941  
Redesignated I Ground Air Support Command, Apr 1942  
Redesignated I Air Support Command, Sep 1942  
Redesignated I Tactical Air Division, Aug 1943  
Redesignated III Tactical Air Division, Apr 1944  
Redesignated III Reconnaissance Command, Jun 1945  
Inactivated, 9 Apr 1946  
Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

### **STATIONS**

Mitchel Field, NY, 1 Sep 1941  
Morris Field, NC, Nov 1942  
Key Field, MS, 3 Apr 1944  
Rapid City AAB, SD, Nov 1945-9 Apr 1946

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

#### **COMMANDERS**

Col William E. Kepner, 1 Sep 1941  
Col Dache McC Reeves, 22 Feb 1942  
Col John P. Doyle, 2 Sep 1942  
BG Robert M. Webster, 2 Oct 1942  
Col John P. Doyle, 23 Apr 1943  
BG Ralph F. Stearley, 2 May 1943  
Col John E. Bodle, 1 Apr 1944  
BG Edmund C. Lynch, 24 Jun 1944  
Col Robin A. Day, 28 Jan 1945

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Antisubmarine, American Theater

#### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

## **Decorations**

### **EMBLEM**

On a blue octagon, edged in gold, a golden representation of the bust of the Egyptian mythological hawk god Horus. (Approved, 23 Jul 1942)

### **MOTTO**

### **OPERATIONS**

Flew antisubmarine patrols off the east coast, 7 Dec 1941-15 Oct 1942. Trained light bombardment crews, participated in air-ground maneuvers, and demonstrated air support techniques, Sep 1944-May 1944. Trained reconnaissance personnel and organizations, May 1944-1946.

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Sources

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