

## 12<sup>th</sup> RECONNAISSANCE GROUP



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

62<sup>nd</sup> Aero Squadron organized, Aug 1917

Redesignated 62<sup>nd</sup> Aero Squadron (Construction), Sep 1917

Redesignated 474<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron (Construction), Feb 1918

Demobilized, Jan 1919

12<sup>th</sup> Group Headquarters (Composite) constituted, 6 Feb 1923

Redesignated Headquarters, 12<sup>th</sup> Observation Group, 1924

474<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron (Construction) and 12<sup>th</sup> Headquarters, Observation Group consolidated and redesignated Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron 12<sup>th</sup> Observation Group, 1 Sep 1936

Inactivated, 1 Jun 1937

Redesignated Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 12<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Group, 1 Jan 1938

Disbanded, 15 Jun 1983

### STATIONS

Kelly Field, TX

Camp Morrison, VA, Jan 1918

Port of Embarkation, Newport News, VA, Mar 1918

AEF, Mar 1918

Garden City, NY  
Not organized 1923-1930  
Dodd Field, TX, 1930-1931  
Brooks Field, TX, 31 Oct 1931-1937

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

IV Corps

## **COMMANDERS**

Maj Eugene A. Lohman, 1 Oct 1930  
Maj William B. Mayer, 7 Jun 1931  
Maj Frank D. Lackland, 11 Aug 1931  
Maj Charles B. Oldfield, 21 May 1934  
LTC Gerald C. Brant, 20 Nov 1934  
Maj William C. Ocker, 25 Feb 1935  
LTC Edward L. Hoffman, 27 Mar 1935  
Maj Robert Kauch, 2 Sep 1935  
LTC Henry J. F. Miller, 29 Oct 1935-1 Jun 1937

## **HONORS**

### **Service Streamers**

### **Campaign Streamers**

### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

### **Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

Constituted in the Regular Army on 6 February 1923 as the 12th Group Headquarters (Composite) and assigned to the IV Corps. Designated mobilization station was Langley Field, VA, 1923-28, Carlstrom Field, FL, 1928, and Maxwell Field, AL, 1928-30. Redesignated as Headquarters, 12th Observation Group in 1924. The 2nd Wing designated as Active Associate 22 December 1924. Allotted to the Fourth Corps Area 28 February 1927. Withdrawn from the Fourth Corps Area 14 January 1929 and allotted to the Eighth Corps Area. Withdrawn from the Eighth Corps Area 8 May 1929 and allotted to the Ninth Corps Area. Activated on 1 October 1930 at Dodd Field, TX. Transferred on 31 October 1931 to Brooks Field, TX. Reorganized and redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 12th Observation Group on 1

September 1936. Concurrently, consolidated with the 62nd Service Squadron. Consolidated on 1 December 1936 with the 62nd Aero Squadron (a WWI unit organized in August 1917 at Kelly Field, TX; redesignated as the 474th Aero Squadron in February 1918; demobilized in January 1919 at Garden City, NY; reconstituted on 1 December 1936). Inactivated 1 June 1937 and allotted to the Eighth Corps Area. Personnel concurrently transferred to the 82nd Observation Squadron. Redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, 12th Reconnaissance Group on 1 January 1938. Concurrently, withdrawn from the Ninth Corps Area and allotted to the Third Corps Area. Disbanded 15 June 1983.

Subordinate Squadrons: 10th Observation Squadron 1927-31; 12th Observation Squadron 1927-37; 15th Observation Squadron 1937-38; 16th Observation Squadron 1927-31; 22nd Observation Squadron 1931-38; 82nd Observation Squadron 1937-38; 88th Observation Squadron 1931-35; 91st Observation Squadron 1927-31 and 1937-38; 554th Observation Squadron 1927-31; 56th Service Squadron 1923-29; 58th Service Squadron 1929-31; 62nd Service Squadron 1931-36; 18th Photo Section 1923-29; 1st Photo Section 1931-35; 9th Photo Section 1929-31; 15th Photo Section 1929-31

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