

27th INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON



LINEAGE

27th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron constituted, 5 Feb 1943
Redesignated 27th Photographic Squadron (Light), 6 Feb 1943
Activated, 9 Feb 1943
Redesignated 27th Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron, 11 Aug 1943
Inactivated, 21 Dec 1945
Redesignated 27th Tactical Intelligence Squadron, and activated, 1 Sep 1990
Redesignated 27th Air Intelligence Squadron, 1 Nov 1991
Redesignated 27th Intelligence Squadron, 1 Oct 1993
Redesignated 27th Intelligence Support Squadron, 1 Dec 2003
Redesignated 27th Intelligence Squadron, 1 Jan 2009

STATIONS

Colorado Springs, CO, 9 Feb-8 Oct 1943
Mount Farm, England, 4 Nov 1943
Denain/Prouvy, France, 9 Nov 1944
Chalgrove, England, 22 Apr 1945
Frankfurt/Eschborn, Germany, 14 Oct 1945
Poix, France, 15 Oct-26 Nov 1945
Camp Kilmer, NJ, 20-21 Dec 1945
Langley AFB, VA 1 Sep 1990

ASSIGNMENTS

6th Photographic (later Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping; Photographic Reconnaissance) Group, 9 Feb 1943
Third Air Force, 9 Oct 1943
III Reconnaissance Command, 12 Oct 1943
7th Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping (later Photographic; Reconnaissance) Group, attached c. 4 Nov 1943, and assigned 9 Dec 1943-21 Nov 1945
480th Tactical Intelligence Group (later, 480th Air Intelligence Group; 480th Intelligence Group), 1 Sep 1990
480th Intelligence Wing (later, 480th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Wing), 1 Dec 2003-Present

ATTACHMENTS

VIII Air Force Service Command, 9 Nov 1944-26 Jan 1945

VIII Fighter Command, 26 Jan-22 Apr 1945

WEAPON SYSTEMS

P-38/F-4, 1943

P-38/F-5, 1943-1945

P-51, 1945

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

F-5A

42-12979

F-5B

42-67325

42-67330

42-67331

42-67342

42-67359

42-67366

42-67367

42-67379

42-68213

F-5C

42-67107

42-67113

42-67118

42-67124

42-67196

42-67242

42-67245

42-67550

F-5E

43-28311

43-28333

43-28619

43-28993

43-28999

43-29000

43-29025

43-29026

43-29027

43-29029

44-23686
44-23698
44-23710
44-23713
44-23720
44-23739
44-23741
44-23746
44-24229
44-24739

P-51D
44-63196
44-63261
44-63627
44-63652
44-63759
44-63762

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

None (not manned) 9–18 Feb 1943
2nd Lt Willis 19 Feb 1943
2nd Lt Cameron 7 Mar 1943
2nd Lt Baird 13 Mar 1943
1st Lt Hardee 16 Mar 1943
2nd Lt James W. Kappes 30 Mar 1943
1st Lt Hardee 30 Apr 1943
1st Lt Cecil T. Haugen 4 May 1943–11 Aug 1943
1st Lt Cecil T. Haugen 11 Aug 1943
Maj R. C. Mitchell 19 May 1944
Capt Childress 27 Jul 1944
Maj Kermit E. Bliss 2 May 1945–Unknown
Lt Col Stephen Cummings 1 Sep 1990–1 Nov 1991
Lt Col Stephen Cummings 1 Nov 1991
Maj Paul A. Dettmer 12 Nov 1991
Capt S. Dean Hinson 24 Jul 1993
Maj Robert D. Stone 7 Aug 1993 Squadron
Lt Col Roseanne M. Martin
Unknown Lt Col Thomas W. Cochran 1995
Lt Col Robert J. Feliz 1997
Lt Col Mark T. Satterly 1999
Lt Col Dennis Larm 23 Jun 2001

Major Gordon K. Watts 20 Aug 2002
Lt Col Dennis Larm 16 Dec 2002
Lt Col Lawrence O. Roche 13 Jun 2003
Lt Col Lawrence O. Roche 1 Dec 2003
Lt Col David P. Hawkins 24 Jun 2005
Lt Col Gordon K. Watts 8 Aug 2007
Lt Col Michael J. Clark 26 Jun 2009,
Lt Col Michael J. Pfingsten 29 Jun 2011

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Air Offensive, Europe
Normandy
Northern France
Rhineland
Ardennes-Alsace
Central Europe
Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation: France, 31 May-30 Jun 1944. French Croix de Guerre with Palm: 1944

Honors Campaign Streamers World War II European-African-Middle Eastern Theater: Air Offensive Europe [1942–1944]. Normandy [1944]. Northern France [1944]. Rhineland [1944–1945]. Ardennes-Alsace [1944–1945]. Central Europe [1945]. Air Combat [1941–1945].

Decorations Distinguished Unit Citation, France 31 May – 30 Jun 1944.

Meritorious Unit Award 1 Jun 2004 – 31 May 2006, ACC SO #GA-023, 23 Jan 2007. 1 Jun 2006 – 31 May 2007, ACC SO #GA-027, 5 Dec 2007. AF Outstanding Unit Award 1 Sep 1990 – 31 Dec 1991, ACC SO #GA-048, 1992. 1 Jan 1992 – 30 Sep 1993, ACC SO #GA-003, 1994. 1 Oct 1999 – 30 Sep 2000, AIA SO #GF-03, 2000. 1 Jun 2002 – 31 May 2003 with Combat “V” device, ACC SO #GA-112, 2003. 1 June 2007-31 May 2009, AFISRA SO #G-013, 16 Dec 2009.

AF Organizational Excellence Award 1 Oct 1993–30 Sep 1995, AIA SO #GF-04, 1996.

Special Honors

Military Cross, French Croix de Guerre with Palm, 1944.

EMBLEM

Over and through a medium brown disc, a red-cloaked bat man, wearing a grayed blue green oxygen mask and radio head set, holding a black aerial camera, highlighted grayed blue green, while standing on wings of caricatured aircraft, formed by two yellow lightning bolts for fuselage and tail rudder boom, grayed blue green wings and twin rudder section of like color, twin fuselage connected by map section yellow and grayed blue green, all in front of a large white cloud formation, outlined black. (Approved, 24 Aug 1944)

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

Bat outa hell: red cloaked batman with oxygen mask and headset

Aerial Cameras: model K-17, 18, 22, 24 in various formats

Map Section: connecting the twin fuselage

White cloud formation: highlighting the batman and representing the sky

P-38 Lightning: unique twin-boom airframe, fastest long-range fighter

Lightning Bolts: Representing the aircraft's name, and the crew's flying style

Bare metal: flying without paint shaved an extra 300-4000 pounds, given it more speed

Blue: as camouflage to hide from gunners as they made high speed runs over defended targets

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“Bat Outa Hell” Significance.

The “Bat Outa Hell,” riding the caricatured Lightning aircraft, portrays the high speed, pin-point photography of the present day Photographic Reconnaissance Squadrons. (as of 24 Aug 1944).

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Combat in ETO, 20 Dec 1943-25 Apr 1945.

The 27th Intelligence Squadron's mission is to expertly serve the 480th IG and other Department of Defense organizations using skilled professionals and leading edge technologies and to develop, provide and manage systems and production infrastructures and services.

The 27th IS is responsible for sustaining the 480th's daily operations. It operates and maintains automated production support systems, a secondary imagery dissemination system and photographic and lithographic facilities for the group.

Their vision is to become an unrivaled source of information warfare support and achieve a virtual based infrastructure to fuse multimedia applications and products through emerging technologies and state-of-the-art facilities in anticipation of customer needs for information dominance and operational supremacy.

The 27th provides the communication, photographic, dissemination and facility, security and logistics management necessary for the 480th to deliver high-quality, time-sensitive, imagery based intelligence for dissemination to U.S. and allied war-fighters around the globe.

The 27th Intelligence Squadron is comprised of two flights:

Production Services Systems
Data Base Management

The Systems and Database Management Flight provides state-of-the-art communications and computing and the Production Services provides a broad range of essential services.

The Visual Information Branch provides digital and wet imagery processing, still photography and 35mm slide production, high-speed, large-volume reproduction and graphic design.

The Dissemination Branch distributes and tracks all outgoing products, maintains a chart library with worldwide coverage and the basic target and training graphic repository.

Also, the Security Branch manages the group's programs and maintains unit and visitor security clearances and facility security devices. The Facility Branch manages the entire facility and grounds including upgrades and construction. The Logistics Branch manages the group's supply and equipment accounts.

The unit was active during World War II when it won seven campaign streamers, a Distinguished Unit Citation and the French Croix de Guerre with Palm. The 27th was inactivated in December 1945 then reactivated in September 1990.

480th Intelligence Group

The Air Intelligence Agency gained the Langley AFB, Virginia-based 480th Intelligence Group from Air Combat Command on 1 October 1993.²⁷⁸ Using multisource intelligence—primarily PHOTINT, ELINT and MINT—the 480th group provided operational intelligence and mission planning support for in-garrison training and to deployed combat air forces prior to the mid-1990's. AIA brought a new dimension to air combat operations by making available sanitized signals intelligence (and later information operations) to warfighters in near-real time.

When joining AIA, the 480th IG had three subordinate squadrons:

- 20th Intelligence Squadron, Offutt AFB, Nebraska; deals primarily in electronic intelligence products.

- 27th Intelligence Squadron (later renamed 27th Intelligence Support Squadron), Langley AFB, Virginia; produces and delivers high-quality, time-sensitive, imagery-based intelligence to warfighters.

- 36th Intelligence Squadron, Langley AFB; provides tactical target materials/digital databases (digital maps, charts, elevation data, geo-coded imagery, etc—Air Force's sole producer of multispectral imagery).

Additional resources available to the 480th Intelligence Group during wartime and in national emergencies included intelligence squadrons belonging to state Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve departments.

The 27th Intelligence Support Squadron is assigned directly to the Wing and provides 480th IW and Combat/Mobility Air Forces with intelligence data through leading edge technologies to meet warfighter requirements for campaign planning, targeting, real time ATO execution and combat assessment. This squadron provides worldwide users information dominance through full spectrum intelligence system integration, operations, and sustainment of over 30 multi-source intelligence systems, databases and networks.

27th Photo Squadron

Code: G2 (post war)

Callsign: (Information Needed))

440120	F-5A	42-13315	27PRS	7PRG	234	GMAC		Mount Farm/Sta 234
440120	F-5B	42-67325	27PRS	7PRG	234	GMAC		Mount Farm/Sta 234
440125	F-5A	42-12979	27PRS	7PRG	234	BOW	Connor, Thomas M	Stanley Farm, Liphook
440205	F-5B	42-67330	27PRS	7PRG	234	LAC	Farley, Donald A	Mount Farm/ 1mi NW
440306	F-5C	42-67113	27PRS	7PRG	234	CRLEF	Haugen, Cecil T	Mount Farm/Sta 234
440316	F-5C	42-67118	27PRS	7PRG	234	BOW	Burks, Douglas D	Mount Farm/Sta 234
440406	F-5C	42-67245	27PRS	7PRG	234	BOEF	Johnston, Ernest E	Elcombe Farm, Wroughton
440717	UC-64A	43-5397	27PRS	7PRG	234	GL	White, Willie G	Le Molay/A-9

440721	C-64A	43-5368	27PRS	7PRG	234	LAC	Stamey, Earl K	Booker Fld/Sta 101
440723	F-5B	42-68213	27PRS	7PRG	234	LAC	Harmon, Ronald W	Mount Farm/Sta 234
440805	F-5E	43-29025	27PRS	7PRG	234	CRLEF	Floyd, Robert C	Mount Farm/Sta 234
440906	F-5E	43-29026	27PRS	7PRG	234	MAC	Schumacher, Wesley A	Mount Farm/10mi E Sta 234
440908	F-5C	42-67550	27PRS	7PRG	234	TOAEF	Nolan, John D	Mount Farm/Sta 234
441015	F-5C	42-67107	27PRS	7PRG	234	LACEF	Nolan, John D	Mount Farm/Sta 234
441110	F-5E	44-23713	27PRS	7PRG	234	LAC	Ricetti, John (NMI)	Mount Farm/Sta 234
441126	F-5E	44-23710	27PRS	7PRG	A83	TAC	Hanson, Howell R Jr	Denain/A-83
441203	F-5E	44-23739	27PRS	7PRG	Mount Farm (Sta 234)	TAC	Hanson, Howell R Jr	Denain/Prouvy (A-83)
441214	L-5	42-98996	27PRS	7PRG	Mount Farm (Sta 234)	TAC	Nolan, John D	Denain-Prouvy (A-83)
441217	F-5C	42-67242	27PRS	7PRG	A83	LAC	Farrow, Vern L	Denain/A-83
441223	F-5C	42-67242	27PRS	7PRG	A83	CRL	Farrow, Vern L	Denain/A-83
441224	F-5E	44-23720	27PRS	7PRG	Mount Farm (Sta 234)	CRLDF	Purdy, Ira J	Denain-Prouvy (A-83)
450127	F-5E	44-23710	27PRS	7PRG	A83	LAC	Harmon, Ronald W	Denain/A-83
450303	P-51D-20NA	44-63196	27PRS	7PRG	Denain-Prouvy (A-83)	LACNU	Purdy, Ira J	Denain-Prouvy (A-83)
450303	P-51D-20NA	44-63261	27PRS	7PRG	Denain-Prouvy (A-83)	GL	Nolan, John D	Denain-Prouvy (A-83)
450304	P-51D-20NA	44-63759	27PRS	7PRG	Denain-Prouvy (A-83)	LAC	Clark, Floyd R Jr	Denain-Prouvy (A-83)
450305	P-51D20	44-63621	27PRS	7PRG	A83	LAC	Ricetti, John (NMI)	Chievres/A-83

450312	F-5E	43-28311	27PRS	7PRG	A83	CRLEF	Clark, Floyd R Jr	Denain/A-83
450317	P-51D20	44-63759	27PRS	7PRG	A83	LAC	Nolan, John D	Denain/A-83
450324	C-64A	44-70255	27PRS	7PRG	Denain-Prouvy (A-83)	LACNU	Tubbs, Shirley B	Denain-Prouvy (A-83)
450407	P-51D20NA	44-63762	27PRS	7PRG	Denain (A-83)	TAC	Farrow, Vern L	Denain-Prouvy (A-83)
450412	F-5E	44-23741	27PRS	7PRG	A83	LAC	Harmon, Ronald W	Denain/A-83
450415	P-51D20	44-63196	27PRS	7PRG	A83	TOA	Barnes, Allen E	Denain/A-83
450415	P-51D20	44-63652	27PRS	7PRG	A83	BOMF	Tubbs, Shirley B	Meiningen/ 10mi W
450419	P-51D20	44-63627	27PRS	7PRG	A83	KMAC	Ward, Walter B	Bingen
450911	F-5E	44-24229	27PRS	7PRG	465	KCR	Eugenedes, Xenophon E	Aberystwyth/ 17mi NE

430720	F-4A	41-2376	27 Photo	6 Photo	Peterson AAF, CO	LACMF	McBee, Lawrence S	Peterson AAF, CO Springs, CO
430818	F-4	41-2210	27 Photo	6 Photo	Colorado Springs, CO	MAC	Carney, Franklyn K	6 Mi W Peterson AAF, CO
430923	F-4	41-2199	27 Photo	6 Photo	Colorado Springs, CO	LACMF	Brewster, Edgar L	Peterson AAF, CO

430720	F-4A	41-2376	27 Photo	6 Photo	Peterson AAF, CO	LACMF	McBee, Lawrence S	Peterson AAF, CO Springs, CO
430818	F-4	41-2210	27 Photo	6 Photo	Colorado Springs, CO	MAC	Carney, Franklyn K	6 Mi W Peterson AAF, CO
430923	F-4	41-2199	27 Photo	6 Photo	Colorado Springs, CO	LACMF	Brewster, Edgar L	Peterson AAF, CO



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