

# **46 RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON, VERY LONG RANGE, PHOTOGRAPHIC**

## **MISSION**

### **LINEAGE**

719 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 6 Apr 1943

Activated, 1 May 1943

Inactivated, 11 Jun 1945

Redesignated 719 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 7 Sep 1945

Activated, 17 Sep 1945

Redesignated 46 Reconnaissance Squadron, Very Long Range, Photographic-Weather, 15 Nov 1945

Redesignated 46 Reconnaissance Squadron, Very Long Range, Photographic, 23 Oct 1946

Inactivated, 13 Oct 1947

### **STATIONS**

Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, 1 May 1943

Alamogordo AAFld, NM, 5 Jul 1943

Bruning AAFld, NE, 12 Sep 1943-26 Nov 1943

Grottaglie, Italy, 3 Jan 1944-15 May 1945

Sioux Falls AAFld, SD, 29 May-11 Jun 1945

Grand Island AAFld, NE, 17 Sep 1945-10 Aug 1946

Ladd Field, AK, 23 Aug 1946-13 Oct 1947

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

449 Bombardment Group, 1 May 1943-11 Jun 1945

449 Bombardment Group, 17 Sep 1945

Fifteenth Air Force, 4 Aug 1946

Alaskan Air Command, 19 Aug 1946

Yukon Sector, Alaskan Air Command, 1 Oct 1946-13 Oct 1947

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-24, 1943-1945

B-24G

B-24H

B-24J

B-17, 1945-1946

B-29, 1945-1947

F-13, 1945-1947

## **COMMANDERS**

### **HONORS**

#### **Service Streamers**

American Theater

#### **Campaign Streamers**

Air Offensive, Europe

Naples-Foggia

Anzio

Rome-Arno

Normandy

Northern France

Southern France

North Apennines

Rhineland

Central Europe

Po Valley

Air Combat, EAME Theater

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

#### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations

Bucharest, Rumania, 4 Apr 1944

Ploesti, Rumania, 9 Jul 1944

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

### **OPERATIONS**

Combat in MTO and ETO, 8 Jan 1944-26 Apr 1945

On 29 May 1947 A Boeing F-13A Superfortress, 45-21848, of the 46th Reconnaissance Squadron, crashes shortly after takeoff from Ladd Field, Alaska, coming down 3 miles E of Fairbanks, Alaska. Three crew were reported missing while nine others were injured.

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