

66 TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP

MISSION

LINEAGE

66 Observation Group constituted, 21 Aug 1941

Activated, 1 Sep 1941

Redesignated 66 Reconnaissance Group, Apr 1943

Redesignated 66 Tactical Reconnaissance Group, Aug 1943

Disbanded, 20 Apr 1944

Reconstituted and redesignated 66 Reconnaissance Group, allotted to the reserve, and activated,
27 Dec 1946

Redesignated 66 Strategic Reconnaissance Group, Jun 1949

Called to active duty, 1 May 1951

Inactivated, 16 May 1951

Redesignated 66 Tactical Reconnaissance Group

Activated, 1 Jan 1953

STATIONS

Jacksonville, FL, 1 Sep 1941

Charleston, SC, Jan 1942

Jacksonville Mun Aprt, FL, Mar 1942

Pope Field, NC, May 1942

Tullahoma, TN, Sep 1942

Morris Field, NC, Nov 1942

Camp Campbell, KY, Apr 1943

Aiken AAFld, SC, Jun 1943

Lebanon, TN, Oct 1943-20 Apr 1944

Newark AAB, NJ, 27 Dec 1946

McGuire AFB, NJ, 27 Jun 1949

Barksdale AFB, LA, 10 Oct 1949-16 May 1951

Shaw AFB, SC, 1 Jan-1 Jul 1953

Sembach AB, Germany, 7 Jul 1953

ASSIGNMENTS

Tactical Air Command
United States Air Forces in Europe

WEAPON SYSTEMS

O-46
O-47
A-20
P-39
P-40
8-25
L-5
L-6
RB-26
RF-80
RB-57
RF-84, 1954-195

COMMANDERS

Maj Harry W. Generous, 4 Nov 1941
Lt Col Charles A. Masson, 26 May 1942
Lt Col Theron Coulter, 6 Dec 1942
Maj Edward O. McComas, 31 Aug 1943
Lt Col Frederick L. Moore, 16 Oct 1943-20 Apr 1944
Lt Col Stanley W. Irons, Jan 1953
Col Harvey E. Henderson, Jul 1953

HONORS

Service Streamers

Antisubmarine, American Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

Per bend gules and azure, a bend nebule argent between a sprig of goldenrod or, and a sprig of mountain laurel vert, fimbriated of the fourth. (Approved, 5 Jan 1943)

MOTTO

OMNIA CONSPICIMUS—We Observe All

OPERATIONS

Supported ground units on maneuvers, including the Carolina Maneuvers of 1942, the Tennessee Maneuvers of 1942 and 1943, and the Second Army Maneuvers of 1943-1944. Trained personnel in aerial reconnaissance and artillery adjustment methods. Also, flew antisubmarine patrols off the east coast, Jan-Aug 1942.

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Sources

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