

III TACTICAL COMMAND

MISSION

LINEAGE

III Ground Air Support Command constituted, 15 May 1942

Activated, 19 May 1942

Redesignated III Air Support Command, Sep 1942

Redesignated III Reconnaissance Command, Aug 1943

Redesignated III Tactical Air Command, Mar 1944

Disbanded, 24 Oct 1945

STATIONS

Birmingham, AL, 19 May 1942

Barksdale Field, LA, 1 Apr 1944-24 Oct 1945

ASSIGNMENTS

Third AF

COMMANDERS

BG William E. Lynd, 25 May 1942

Col Rosenham Beam, 21 Jun 1942

BG Arthur B. McDaniel, 1 Oct 1942

Col John E. Bodle, Dec 1943

BG Hume Peabody, 20 Mar 1944

BG John F. McBlain, 17 Nov 1944

BG Gordon P. Saville, 22 Mar 1945

BG Ford L. Fair, 1 May 1945

BG James W. McCauley, 20 Jul-24 Oct 1945

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

American Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Trained dive bombardment, light bombardment, and reconnaissance organizations and personnel; also gave air support to ground units in training and participated in air-ground maneuvers and demonstrations.

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