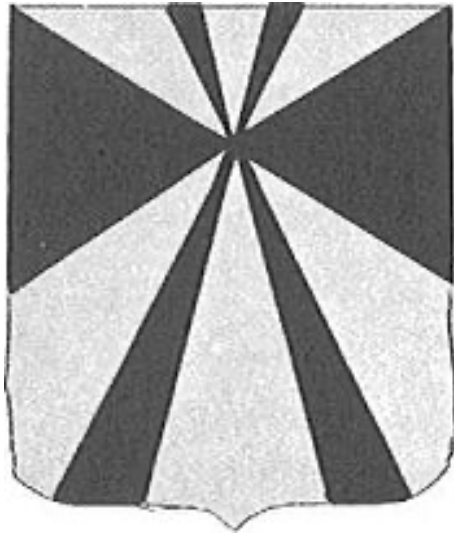


4 RECONNAISSANCE GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

4 Photographic Group Constituted, 14 Jul 1942

Activated, 23 Jul 1942

Redesignated 4 Photographic Reconnaissance and Mapping Group, May 1943

Redesignated 4 Photographic Group (Reconnaissance), Nov 1943

Redesignated 4 Reconnaissance Group, May 1945

Inactivated, 15 Jan 1946

Disbanded, 6 Mar 1947

STATIONS

Colorado Springs, CO, 23 Jul-24 Oct 1942

New Caledonia, 22 Nov 1942

Espiritu Santo, 22 Jan 1943

Guadalcanal, 6 May 1944

Morotai, 12 Dec 1944

Leyte, Sep 1945-15 Jan 1946

ASSIGNMENTS

Thirteenth Air Force, Jan 1943

WEAPON SYSTEMS

F-4

COMMANDERS

2nd Lt Everett E. Shaw, 23 Jul 1942

Lt Col Francis L. Rivard, 10 Aug 1942
Lt Col Charles P. Hollstein, 3 Sep 1942
Col Paul C. Schauer, 18 Jul 1943
Lt Col Hillford R. Wallace, 7 Jun 1944
Maj Sidney L. Hardin, 4 Aug 1944
Lt Col Hershell E. Parsons, 20 Jan 1945

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Guadalcanal
New Guinea
Northern Solomons
Bismarck Archipelago
Western Pacific
Leyte
Southern Philippines

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

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MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Flew reconnaissance missions over enemy territory to supply air force units with target and damage-assessment photographs and to provide army and navy units with intelligence on Japanese troop concentrations, installations, shore defenses, supply routes, and shipping. It also produced maps of Allied and enemy-held territory and prepared navigation charts for US units. During the last three months of the war the group photographed Japanese positions and installations on Mindanao and Borneo to aid US and Australian operations.

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