

ASSIGNMENTS. 314th Transport Group, 2 Mar 1942; 89th Transport (later Troop Carrier) Group, 15 Jun 1942–14 Apr 1944. 89th Troop Carrier Group, 27 Jun 1949–10 May 1951.

STATIONS. Drew Field, Fla, 2 Mar 1942; Camp Williams, Wis, c. 10 Jun 1942; Sedalia, Mo, 10 Sep 1942; Del Valle, Tex, 16 Dec 1942–14 Apr 1944. Hanscom Aprt, Mass, 27 Jun 1949–10 May 1951.

AIRCRAFT. DC-3 (probably as C-49, C-50, and C-53), 1942–1943; C-47, 1943–1944.

OPERATIONS. Transition training for pilots, 1942–1944; replacement training, Mar–Apr 1944.

SERVICE STREAMERS. American Theater.

CAMPAIGNS. None.

DECORATIONS. None.

EMBLEM. Over and through an orange disc, two geese (*Branta Canadensis*) volant, proper. (Approved 9 Jan 1943.)

31st BOMBARDMENT



LINEAGE. Organized as 31st Aero Squadron on 13 Jun 1917. Demobilized on 14 Apr 1919. Reconstituted, and redesignated 31st Bombardment Squadron, on 24 Mar 1923. Activated on 1 Apr 1931. Redesignated: 31st Bombardment Squadron (Medium) on 6 Dec 1939; 31st Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 20 Nov 1940; 31st Bombardment

Squadron (Very Heavy) on 30 Apr 1946. Inactivated on 10 Mar 1947. Redesignated 31st Reconnaissance Squadron (Very Long Range, Photographic) on 16 Sep 1947. Activated on 20 Oct 1947. Redesignated: 31st Reconnaissance Squadron (Very Long Range, Photo, RCM) on 23 Dec 1947; 31st Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron (Photographic) on 16 Jun 1949; 31st Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron (Heavy) on 16 Nov 1950; 31st Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) on 1 Oct 1955. Discontinued, and inactivated, on 1 Feb 1963.

ASSIGNMENTS. Unkn, 13 Jun–Sep 1917; Third Aviation Instruction Center, Sep 1917–Jan 1919; unkn, Jan–14 Apr 1919. 7th Bombardment Group, attached on 1 Apr 1931, and assigned on 30 Jun 1931; 5th Composite (later Bombardment; Reconnaissance) Group, 1 Feb 1938–10 Mar 1947. 71st Reconnaissance Group, 20 Oct 1947; Fifth Air Force (attached to 71st Reconnaissance Group), 18 Aug 1948; Thirteenth Air Force, 16 Mar 1949; 311th Air Division, 1 Apr 1949; Second Air Force, 1 Nov 1949; 5th Strategic Reconnaissance Group, 1 Dec 1949 (attached to Far East Air Forces, Dec 1949–16 Nov 1950); 5th Strategic Reconnaissance (later Bombardment) Wing, 16 Jun 1952; 4126th Strategic Wing, 1 Oct 1959–1 Feb 1963.

STATIONS. Camp Kelly, Tex, 13 Jun–11 Aug 1917; Etampes, France, 19 Sep 1917; Issoudun, France, c. 23 Sep 1917; Bordeaux, France, c. 6 Jan–c. 18 Mar 1919; Mitchel Field, NY, c. 5–14 Apr 1919. March Field, Calif, 1 Apr 1931; Hamilton Field, Calif, 5 Dec 1934; Hickam Field, TH, 8 Feb 1938; Kipapa, TH, 23 May 1942; Kualoa, TH, 9 Sep–9 Nov 1942; Espiritu Santo, 30 Nov 1942; Guadalcanal, 17 Jan 1943 (operated from Munda, New Georgia, 2 Feb–13 Mar 1944); Momote Airfield, Los Ne-

gros, c. 20 Apr 1944; Wakde, c. 20 Aug 1944; Noemfoor, 26 Sep 1944; Morotai, c. 16 Oct 1944; Samar, c. 17 Mar 1945; Clark Field, Luzon, Dec 1945-10 Mar 1947. Yokota, Japan, 20 Oct 1947; Kadena Field, Okinawa, 16 Mar 1949; Yokota, Japan, c. 12 Jul 1950; Johnson AFB, Japan, 14 Aug-16 Nov 1950; Travis AFB, Calif, 16 Nov 1950; Beale AFB, Calif, 18 Jan 1960-1 Feb 1963.

AIRCRAFT. Nieuport, types 21, 24 bis, and 27, 1918. In addition to B-3 and B-4 during period 1931-1934 and B-12, 1934-1937, included Y1B-7, O-19, and O-38 during period 1931-1937; B-18, 1937-1942; B-17, 1941-1943; B-24, 1943-1945. F-13, 1947-1948; F-9, 1947; F-2, 1947-1948; RB-29, 1948-1951; RB-36, 1951-1955; B/RB-36, 1955-1958; B-52, 1959-1963.

OPERATIONS. Constructed facilities, maintained aircraft, and trained pilots, 1917-1918. Patrols from Hawaii, c. 14 Dec 1941-Nov 1942; combat in South, Southwest, and Western Pacific, 17 Jan 1943-12 Aug 1945. Not operational, 1946-1947. Photographic reconnaissance in Korea, 29 Jun-16 Nov 1950.

SERVICE STREAMERS. Theater of Operations.

CAMPAIGNS. World War II: Central Pacific; Guadalcanal; New Guinea; Northern Solomons; Eastern Mandates; Bismarck Archipelago; Western Pacific; Leyte; Luzon; Southern Philippines; China Offensive; Air Combat, Asiatic-Pacific Theater. Korean War: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention.

DECORATIONS. Distinguished Unit Citations: Woleai Island, 18 Apr-15 May 1944; Borneo, 30 Sep 1944. Presidential Unit Citation: [1942]. Philippine Presidential Unit Citation. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: 27 Jul-[16 Nov 1950].

EMBLEM. On a black triangle, one point up, bordered white, a skull and cross-bones proper. (Approved 10 Sep 1934.)

31st FIGHTER



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LINEAGE. Constituted 31st Pursuit Squadron (Interceptor) on 22 Dec 1939. Activated on 1 Feb 1940. Redesignated 31st Fighter Squadron on 15 May 1942. Inactivated on 25 May 1944. Activated on 19 Aug 1944. Inactivated on 3 Jul 1946. Redesignated 31st Fighter-Interceptor Squadron on 11 Feb 1953. Activated on 20 Apr 1953. Inactivated on 18 Aug 1955. Activated on 8 Jun 1956. Inactivated on 8 Oct 1958.

ASSIGNMENTS. 37th Pursuit (later Fighter) Group, 1 Feb 1940; XXVI Fighter Command, 1 Nov 1943; Second Air Force, 8 Apr-25 May 1944. 412th Fighter Group, 19 Aug 1944-3 Jul 1946. 4702d Defense Wing, 20 Apr 1953; 9th Air Division, 8 Oct 1954-18 Aug 1955. 412th Fighter Group, 8 Jun 1956; 10th Air Division, 20 Aug 1957-8 Oct 1958.

STATIONS. Albrook Field, CZ, 1 Feb 1940; Rio Hato, Panama, 5 Oct 1940; Albrook Field, CZ, 13 Nov 1940; Chorrera, Panama, 9 Dec 1941; Albrook Field, CZ, 23 Dec 1941; Chorrera, Panama, 3 Feb