



FACT SHEET

318TH SPECIAL OPERATIONS SQUADRON U.S. Air Force Fact Sheet

Mission

The U-28A provides a manned fixed wing, on-demand/surge capability for Improved Tactical Airborne Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Targeting (ISR&T) in Support of Special Operations Forces. Developed around the Pilatus PC-12 airframe, the U-28 uses electro-optical infrared sensors, along with a robust communications suite to execute its mission.

Background

Activated as the 318th Troop Carrier Squadron (Commando), 3rd Commando Group on 1 May 1944. Inactivated on 25 March 1946. Redesignated as the 318th Special Operations Squadron on 21 October 1971, and reactivated on 15 November 1971. Inactivated on 1 June 1974. Activated on 2 May 2008.



Assignments

3rd Air Commando Wing, 1 May 1944 – 25 March 1946. 1st Special Operations Wing, 15 November 1971 – 1 June 1974. 27th Special Operations Group, 2 May 2008 - .

Stations

Camp Mckall, NC, 1 May 1944. Dunnellen Army Air Field, FL, 15 August 1944. Camp McKall, NC, 12 September 1944. Baer Field, IN, 30 September 1944 – 11 Oct 1944. Nadzab, New Guinea, 26 October 1944. Leyte, 15 January 1945. Mangaldan, Luzon, 26 January 1945. Laoag, Luzon, 19 April 1945. Ie Shima, 25 August 1945. Chitose, Japan, 18 October 1945 – 25 March 1946. Pope Air Force Base, NC, 15 November 1971 – 1 June 1974. Cannon Air Force Base, NM, 02 May 2008 - .

Decorations

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation (WWII)
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award: 2 May – 30 Sep 2008
Meritorious Unit Award: 1 Oct 2008 – 30 Sep 2009
Air Force Citation of Honor: 2015
Air Force Special Operations Command David C. Schilling Award: 2016
Cannon Air Force Base Wing Squadron of the Year Award: 2016