

316th TACTICAL AIRLIFT GROUP

For a short period of time a third transport group was located at Patterson Field. The 316th Transport Group was constituted February 2, 1942 and activated February 14 at Patterson, where it was equipped with C-47 aircraft. On June 17 the organization, with its subordinate transport squadrons (the 36th, 37th, 38th, 44th, and 45th), was reassigned to Bowman Field, Kentucky.

LINEAGE

316th Transport Group constituted, 2 Feb 1942

Activated, 14 Feb 1942

Redesignated 316th Troop Carrier Group, Jul 1942

Redesignated 316th Troop Carrier Group (Medium), Jun 1948

Redesignated 316th Troop Carrier Group (Heavy), Oct 1949

Redesignated 316th Troop Carrier Group (Medium), Jan 1950

STATIONS

Patterson Field, OH, 14 Feb 1942

Bowman Field, KY, 17 Jun 1942

Lawson Field, GA, 9 Aug 1942

Del Valle, TX, 29 Sep-12 Nov 1942

Deversoir, Egypt, 23 Nov 1942

El Adem, Egypt, 10 Dec 1942

Fayid, Egypt, Jan 1943

Nouvion, Algeria, 9 May 1943

Guercif, French Morocco, 29 May 1943

Enfidaville, Tunisia, 21 Jun 1943

Mazzara, Sicily, 3 Sep 1943

Borizzo, Sicily, 18 Oct 1943-12 Feb 1944

Cottesmore, England, 15 Feb 1944-May 1945

Pope Field, NC, 25 May 1945

Greenville AAB, SC, 25 Aug 1947

Smyrna AFB, TN, 4 Nov 1949-15 Nov 1954

Ashiya, Japan, 15 Nov 1954
Yokota AB, Japan, 1 Oct 1978

ASSIGNMENTS

Ninth AF
Far East Air Forces

WEAPON SYSTEMS

O-47
O-53
C-47
C-82
C-119

COMMANDERS

Col Jerome B. McCauley, 14 Feb 1942
LTC Burton R. Fleet, 12 Aug 1943
Col Harvey A. Berger, c. 13 May 1944
LTC Walter R. Washburn, 2 Sep 1945
LTC Leonard C. Fletcher, 17 Sep 1945
Col Jerome B. McCauley, 5 Oct 1945
Col Clarence J. Galligan, 2 Feb 1946
LTC Leroy M. Stanton, 31 Sep 1946
Col Clarence J. Galligan, 1 Nov 1946
Col John H. Lackey Jr, c. Apr 1947
Col Edgar W. Hampton, 20 Sep 1947
Col Norton H. Van Sicklen III, 1 Aug 1950
Maj Dwight E. Maul, 31 Aug 1950
Maj Gordon F. Blood, 6 Sep 1950
Col Norton H. Van Sicklen III, 28 Dec 1950
Col William H. DeLacey, 1 Jun 1952
Col Richard P. Carr, Nov 1954
Col William C. Lindley, 19 Mar 1955

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

American Theater
Egypt-Libya
Tunisia
Sicily
Naples-Foggia
Rome-Arno
Normandy
Northern France

Rhineland
Central Europe

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Sicily, 25 Nov 1942-25 Aug 1943

Sicily, 11 Jul 1943

France, [6-7] Jun 1944

EMBLEM

Azure, nine parachutes argent, three, two, three, and one, all within a bordure per bend or and gules. (Approved 17 Aug 1951)

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

VALOR WITHOUT ARMS

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Moved to the Mediterranean theater, assigned to Ninth AF, and began operations, in Nov 1942. Transported supplies and evacuated casualties in support of the Allied drive across North Africa. In May 1943 began training for the invasion of Sicily; dropped paratroops over the assault area on the night of 9 Jul. Carried reinforcements to Sicily in Jul and received a DUC for carrying out that mission although severely attacked by ground and naval forces. Received another DUC for supporting aerial and ground operations in Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, and Sicily, 25 Nov 1942-25 Aug 1943, by transporting reinforcements and supplies. Assigned to Twelfth AF and moved to Sicily to take part in the invasion of Italy; dropped paratroops over the beachhead south of the Sele River on the night of 14 Sep 1943. Transported cargo in the theater until Feb 1944, then joined Ninth AF in England and prepared for the invasion of France. Dropped paratroops near Ste-Mere-Eglise on D-Day 1944 and flew a reinforcement mission on 7 Jun, receiving a third DUC for these operations. During the air attack on Holland in Sep 1944, dropped paratroops and released gliders carrying reinforcements. Dropped paratroops near Wesel on 24 Mar 1945 when the Allies made the airborne assault across the Rhine. Also provided transport services in Europe while not engaged in airborne operations. Hauled supplies such as ammunition, gasoline, water, and rations; evacuated wounded personnel to rear-zone hospitals.

Air Force Order of Battle

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