

327 AIRLIFT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

2 Combat Cargo Squadron constituted, 11 Apr 1944
Activated, 15 Apr 1944
Redesignated 327 Troop Carrier Squadron, 31 Oct 1945
Inactivated, 26 Dec 1945
Activated in the Reserve, 29 May 1947
Redesignated 327 Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, 2 Sep 1949
Ordered to Active Service, 15 Mar 1951
Inactivated, 1 Apr 1951
Activated in the Reserve, 14 Jun 1952
Ordered to Active Service, 28 Oct 1962
Relieved from Active Duty, 28 Nov 1962
Redesignated 327 Tactical Airlift Squadron, 1 Jul 1967
Redesignated 327 Airlift Squadron, 1 Feb 1992

STATIONS

Bowman Field, KY, 15 Apr-3 Aug 1944
Sylet, India, 27 Aug 1944 (detachment operated from Yunnani, China, 11-18 Sep 1944)
Imphal, India, 22 Nov 1944
Tsuyung, China, 12 Dec 1944
Dohazari, India, 1 Feb 1945
Hathazari, India, 16 May 1945
Bhamo, Burma, 1 Jun 1945

Peishiyi, China, 10 Sep-26 Dec 1945
Marietta AAFld, GA, 29 May 1947
Reading Muni Aprt, PA, 2 Sep 1949
New Castle County Aprt, DE, 1 May 1950-1 Apr 1951
New Castle County Aprt, DE, 14 Jun 1952
Willow Grove Air Reserve Facility (later, Station), 20 Jul 1958
Little Rock AFB, AR

ASSIGNMENTS

1 Combat Cargo Group, 15 Apr 1944 (under operational control of Air Transport Command, 1 Jul-9 Sep 1945)
Fourteenth Air Force, 10 Sep-26 Dec 1945
514 Troop Carrier Group, 29 May 1947
512 Troop Carrier Group, 2 Sep 1949-1 Apr 1951
512 Troop Carrier Group, 14 Jun 1952
512 Troop Carrier Wing, 14 Apr 1959
913 Troop Carrier (later, 913 Tactical Airlift; 913 Airlift) Group, 11 Feb 1963
913 Operations Group, 1 Aug 1992
913 Airlift Group

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-47, 1944-1945
Unkn, 1947-1948
C-46, 1949-1951
AT-7, 1949-1951
AT-11, 1949-1951
C-46, 1952-1957
C-119, 1957-1969, 1970-1971
C-130, 1970
C-130 2016

COMMANDERS

Maj Maurice D. Watson, Apr 1944
Maj Gay S. Tuis, Feb 1945-unkn
Unkn, 29 May 1947-Aug 1949
Lt Col Alfred Wolf, Sep 1949-unkn
Unkn, 14 Jun 1952-1958
Lt Col John B. Boyd, by Apr 1959-unkn
Col Frances N. King, by Dec 1966
Lt Col Clayton D. Mullins, c. Oct 1968-unkn
Lt Col Charles R. Matthews, by Jul 1972
Lt Col Robert H. Holford, by Jun 1973
Lt Col Angelo C. Natale, by Aug 1976
Col Boyd A. England, c. Feb 1979

Lt Col Robert L. Kline, Jun 1982
Lt Col William J. Quinn, 3 Jan 1983
Lt Col Charles L. Stanton, by Dec 1985
Lt Col Anthony F. Stranges Jr., 3 Jun 1988
Lt Col Marvin J. Barry, 12 Mar 1990
Lt Col Robert T. Draper, c. 20 Jul 1991
Lt Col Peter Brown, Feb 1993
Lt Col Thomas V. Tamez, 3 Jan 1994
Lt Col Dennis C. Perry, 3 Dec 1994
Lt Col Jeremy Wagner

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II
India-Burma
China Defensive
Central Burma
China Offensive

Southwest Asia
Defense of Saudi Arabia
Liberation and Defense of Kuwait

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards
1 Nov 1978-31 Oct 1980
15 Jul 1984-14 Jul 1986
15 Jul 1986-14 Jul 1988
27 Aug 1992-26 Aug 1994

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm
26 Oct-6 Nov 1972

EMBLEM



2 Combat Cargo Squadron emblem: On a medium blue disc, border yellow, a dexter hand holding five playing cards spread fanwise, all deuces of spades, proper. The five deuces represent winners, while the "2s" indicate the squadron's numerical designation. The five cards symbolize the five flights of the squadron. (Approved, 17 Jul 1944)





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OPERATIONS

Aerial transportation in the China-Burma-India theater, 28 Aug 1944-c. 20 Oct 1945. The 2nd Combat Cargo Squadron mission was to "carry ground troops and auxiliary combat equipment to effective locations in a combat zone", "maintain combat reinforcements, supply and resupply units in the combat zone", and "evacuate casualties and other personnel from such zones." Since the squadron's mission to carry cargo into the heart of the battle, the new units were called Combat Cargo.

Performed troop carrier training, 1947-1951.

Supported airborne forces and performed worldwide airlift, 1952-.

Deployed to Southwest Asia and performed airlift missions in support of the Gulf War, Jan-Apr 1990

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