

2nd TOW TARGET SQUADRON



LINEAGE

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STATIONS

Baltimore, MD

Bradley Field, CT

Mitchel Field, NY, 1954

Newcastle County Airport, DE

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

AT-11

B-10B

B-37

C-43D

O-46

O-47B

RA-29

UC-78

B-29

B-26B

B-26C

T-33

C-47

B-45

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

AT-11

42-37229

B-10B

34-30

B-37
AJ-272

C-43D
42-47444

O-46
36-143

O-47B
39-72

RA-29
41-23324
41-23348
41-23355
41-23357
41-23361
41-23402
41-23450

UC-78
42-58407

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

In 1953 the squadron's mission was to simulate air attacks and test radar controlled antiaircraft batteries. Squadron dropped packets of aluminum foil to confuse the radar.

The 2nd Tow Squadron moved in to Mitchel in 1954. It took over the facilities that were previously used by the 465th Troop Carrier Wing.

In 1954 an evaluation of TB-45s as tow type aircraft found them expensive to operate and difficult to maintain under existing circumstances, while the standard practice of dropping banner type targets out of the bomb bay and into the slip stream was likewise hazardous and unpredictable.

Squadron flew out of the following sites when on temporary duty towing targets:

Muskegan MI

Traverse City, MI

Truax AFB Madison, WI

General Mitchell Field Milwaukee, WI

Glenview Naval Air Station Glenview, IL

Hunter AFB Savannah, GA

Travis Field Savannah, GA

Otis AFB MA



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