

3 MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

9 Airdrome Squadron constituted, 7 Nov 1942

Activated, 26 Nov 1942

Inactivated, 5 Dec 1945

Redesignated 3 Base Component Squadron, 7 Oct 1946

Activated, 1 Nov 1946

Inactivated, 28 Jul 1948

Disbanded, 8 Oct 1948

Reconstituted and redesignated 3 Logistics Support Squadron, 1 Dec 1991

Activated, 19 Dec 1991

Redesignated 3 Maintenance Operations Squadron, 30 Sep 2002

STATIONS

Baer Field, Indiana, 26 Nov 1942

Walterboro AA Field, South Carolina, 19 Jan 1943

Hunter Field, Georgia, 16 Feb-18 May 1943

Membury, England, 8 Jun 1943

Aldermaston, England, 12 July 1943

Welford, England, 8 Sep 1943

Boxted, England, 8 Nov 1943

Raydon, England, 18 Nov 1943

Keevil, England, 4 Dec 1943

Holmsley South, England, 23 Feb 1944

Beaulieu, England, 18 Mar 1944

St Pierre du Mont, France, 9 Jun 1944
Chippelle, France, 22 Jun 1944
Meautis, France, 2 Aug 1944
Gorron, France, 19 Aug 1944
Meautis, France, 25 Aug 1944
Juvincourt, France, 18 Sep 1944
Le Culot, Belgium, 20 Oct 1944
Ophoven, Belgium, 27 Jan 1944
Venlo, Netherlands, 10 Mar 1945
Lippstadt, Germany, 12 Apr 1945
Volkenrod, Germany, 30 Apr 1945
Sandweiler, Luxembourg, 16 Jun 1945
Nuremberg, Germany, 15 Aug 1945
Erlangen, Germany, 1 Sep-5 Dec 1945
Albrook Field (later, AFB), Canal Zone, 1 Nov 1946-28 Jul 1948
Elmendorf AFB, AK, 19 Dec 1991

ASSIGNMENTS

Air Service Command, 26 Nov 1942
Third Air Force, 28 Dec 1942
Eighth Air Force, 6 Jun 1942
VIII Air Support Command, 8 Jun 1943
Ninth Air Force, 15 Oct 1943
IX Fighter Command, 18 Oct 1943
IX Troop Carrier Command, 2 Nov 1943
IX Fighter Command, 6 Nov 1943
IX Air Service Command, 7 Nov 1943
IX Fighter Command, 20 Nov 1943
IX Air Support (later, IX Tactical Air) Command, 1 Feb 1944
Tactical Air Command (Provisional), 15 Sep 1944
IX Fighter Command, 1 Dec 1944 (Attached to XXIX Tactical Air Command [Provisional])
IX Air Force Service Command, 14 Jun-5 Dec 1945
Caribbean Air Command, 1 Nov 1946-28 Jul 1948
3 Logistics Group, 19 Dec 1991
3 Maintenance Group, 30 Sep 2002

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

World War II
Normandy 1944

Northern France 1944
Rhineland 1944-1945
Ardennes-Alsace 1944-1945
Central Europe 1945

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

None

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jan 1994-31 Dec 1995

1 Jan 1996-30 Sep 1998

1 Jan 2002-30 Sep 2003

1 Oct 2003-30 Sep 2005

1 Oct 2005-1 Nov 2006

2 Nov 2008-1 Nov 2009

Citations in the Order of the Day, Belgian Army

6 Jun-30 Sep 1944

1 Oct-17 Dec 1944

18 Dec 1944-15 Jan 1945

Belgian Fourragere

EMBLEM

On a disc Azure, above in sinister base a demi-globe Vert, gridlined Sable, an eagle volant Proper, emitting from its sinister claw three arced arrows descending over the globe to dexter base, centre base and sinister base Or, in chief seven mullets forming the Big Dipper of the Ursa Minor constellation and Polaris, all within a narrow border Yellow. Attached above the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "DEDICATED TO EXCELLENCE" in Yellow letters. Attached below the disc, a Blue scroll edged with a narrow Yellow border and inscribed "3D MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS SQ" in Yellow letters. **SIGNIFICANCE:** Ultramarine blue and Air Force yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The stars in the sky represent the most recognized constellation used for navigation. The eagle, the national symbol, depicts air power and the unit's ability for rapid forward deployment through the air to all points on the globe. The globe symbolizes the unit's ability for world-wide global reach and mobility. The motto, "DEDICATED TO EXCELLENCE" describes the core function of US Air Force combat capability, i.e., professional warriors dedicated to the profession of arms. (Approved, 24 Jun 2010)

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