

52 MEDICAL SERVICE SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

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STATIONS

Scott AFB, Illinois, 25 Sep 1964

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col Floyd C. Northington

HONORS

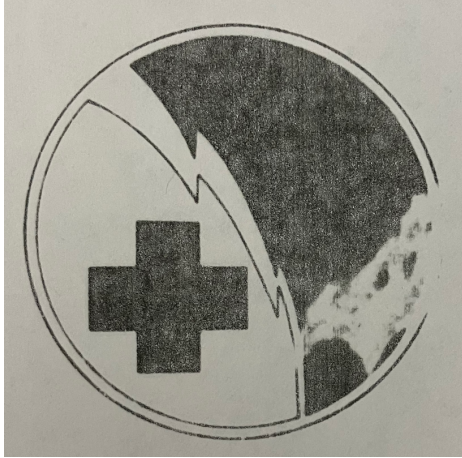
Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

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Decorations

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52 Medical Service Squadron emblem: A disc divided white and blue by a yellow lightning bolt arched from the dexter top to sinister base, on the white a red cross couped charged with a vertical red entwined by a serpent all silver grey, on the blue three stylized gray wings all within a yellow border. Below a white scroll bordered yellow. **SIGNIFICANCE:** The emblem is symbolic of the squadron its mission. The blue field with the stylized flight symbols represents the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations and the unit's aerospace medical mission. The lightning bolt depicts strength and speed with which the unit reacts in performing its primary mission. The field of white signifies the purity of medicine and the red Geneva Cross and staff of Aesculapius represents the medical profession. The emblem bears the Air Force colors ultramarine blue and gold yellow and national colors red, white, and blue.

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OPERATIONS

The 52d Medical Service Squadron remained at its home station, Scott AFB, Illinois, and helped alleviate the base hospital's increased patient load from Southeast Asia, handling about 2,000 patients a month. The average base hospital and casualty staging flight workload doubled in early 1968 with a surge in the number of C-141 aeromedical evacuation flights coming in from the Pacific. The additional 52d Squadron personnel at the Scott hospital reduced a 67-day patient backlog in the facility's ophthalmology clinic to 12 days by January 1969. Similarly, the backlog of the ear, nose, and throat clinic, which had consistently run to 25 days before May 1968, was reduced to four days. On June 18, 1969, the Military Airlift Command released the 52d Medical Service Squadron

Personnel from 52 MSES participated in REFORGER 88 exercise at 310 United States Air Force Contingency Hospital, Royal Air Force Nocton Hall, United Kingdom. 1988

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