

66 TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

66 Troop Carrier Squadron constituted, 7 Dec 1942
Activated, 12 Dec 1942
Inactivated, 15 Jan 1946
Activated in the reserve, 3 Aug 1947
Redesignated 66 Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, 27 Jun 1949
Ordered to active service, 1 Apr 1951
Inactivated, 17 Apr 1951

STATIONS

Bowman Field, KY, 12 Dec 1942
Alliance, NE, 18 Dec 1942
Pope Field, NC, 3 May 1943
Baer Field, IN, 18 Jun-6 Jul 1943
Port Moresby, New Guinea, 21 Jul 1943
Nadzab, New Guinea, 25 Sep 1943 (operated from Tadjji, New Guinea, 12 May-Jun 1944)
Biak, 18 Nov 1944 (operated from Hill Field, Mindoro, and Dulag, Leyte, 18 Jan-27 Feb 1945)
Morotai, 27 Feb 1945
Dulag, Leyte, 15 Aug 1945-15 Jan 1946
Roanoke Mun Aprt, VA, 3 Aug 1947
Portland Mun Aprt, OR, 27 Jun 194-17 Apr 1951

ASSIGNMENTS

403 Troop Carrier Group, 12 Dec 1942
Fifth Air Force, 21 Jul 1943
54 Troop Carrier Wing, 13 Aug 1943
433 Troop Carrier Group, 9 Nov 1943
403 Troop Carrier Group, 20 Feb 1945-15 Jan 1946
419 Troop Carrier Group, 3 Aug 1947
403 Troop Carrier Group, 27 Jun 1949-17 Apr 1951

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-47, 1943-1945
C-46, 1944-1945
L-5, 1945

COMMANDERS

Ralph M. Lain, #1959

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Northern New Guinea
Solomons
Bismarck Archipelago
Western Pacific
Leyte
Luzon
Southern Philippines

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation
Philippine Islands, 17 Apr-30 Jun 1945
Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

EMBLEM

Over and through a medium blue disc, a caricatured, golden orange street car, winged of the last, in flight toward dexter, over a white cloud formation in base, driven by a caricatured pilot wearing brown flight suit and red aviator's helmet, at motorman's post, and having a caricatured paratrooper hanging out of the window on the side, and another caricatured paratrooper attired, proper, standing on roof in midst of assorted boxes, freight, and bundles red, yellow, and green, and holding a brown gun in the left hand. (Approved, 15 Dec 1944)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Aerial transportation in the South and Southwest Pacific, 27 Jul 1943-15 Aug 1945; not manned, 30 Nov 1945-15 Jan 1946.

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Sources

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