

85th MAINTENANCE GROUP

MISSION

The 85th Maintenance Group has been assigned the mission for performance of necessary maintenance, manufacturing and repair of aircraft, aircraft accessories, survival equipment, office appliance equipment, furniture, airborne and ground communications, electronic equipment, shop equipment and tools, ground power equipment, general and special purpose vehicles and engineer equipment. Aircraft engines are prepared for installation and a special capability for performing engine changes in the field for such activities as air attaches and missions is required. Recovery of crashed aircraft is accomplished. All condemned property is carefully examined within the 8jth Maintenance Group to reclaim all possible items for further use. Pierced steel and aluminum planking used for runway surfacing is repaired for re-use as required. A laboratory for precision analysis of material is also a maintenance project.

LINEAGE

85th Maintenance Group

STATIONS

Erding, Germany

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Col Donald M. Wright, #1953

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

The 85th Maintenance Group came into being on July 25 1949, under the authority of a General Order published by Headquarters, United States Air Forces Europe. Its present organizational structure was established in March 1952 in accordance with tables of organization published by Headquarters, United States Air Forces. The 85th Erection and Storage Squadron, which was activated at the time the tables of organization were revised, was subsequently deactivated. The nth Communications Maintenance Squadron is a unit which has been attached for administrative, logistical and operational control for the performance of specialized communications maintenance.

In the years of its activities, the 85th Maintenance Group has established an enviable record in the field of maintenance. It was active in the support of the Berlin Airlift. The past twelve months have been a particularly active period. More than 100 Jet-type aircraft have had maintenance performed on them, along with scores of light bombers, large and small cargo-type aircraft, helicopters and both Army and Air Force liaison-type aircraft.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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