

# 99<sup>th</sup> DEPOT SUPPLY SQUADRON

## **MISSION**

## **LINEAGE**

99<sup>th</sup> Depot Supply Squadron

## **STATIONS**

Hill AAF, UT

## **ASSIGNMENTS**

31<sup>st</sup> Air Depot Group

48th Air Depot Group

## **COMMANDERS**

## **HONORS**

**Service Streamers**

**Campaign Streamers**

**Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

**Decorations**

## **EMBLEM**

## **MOTTO**

## **NICKNAME**

## **OPERATIONS**

An insight into the 99th Depot Supply Squadron, 48th Air Depot Group, at Chabua, in the Upper Assam Valley of India. Early beginnings originated from a group of U. S. Army Air Corps unassigned personnel, of various supply specialties, assembled and dispatched from the Overseas Replacement Depot at Jefferson Barracks, "JB", St. Louis, MO. Some were fresh out of technical schools.

After several weeks of physical and field training at "JB" our group arrived by train at Camp Anza, in the desert of California. A short time later, our group, joining others, boarded the USS Uruguay, a converted cruise ship, at Long Beach, CA.

In the early morning of 3 August 1943 the ship with 5000 aboard set sail, destination unknown to us at the time. With port calls at Hobart, Tasmania and Fremantle, Australia, the USS Uruguay docked in Bombay, India on 10 September 1943. We traveled from Bombay, after a short time in a British Camp, by Indian narrow gage train to the 3d Air Depot Group (Air Service Command), in Agra, India.

At the 3d Air Depot Group, we were organized into a Supply Squadron (Provisional). We were provided theater "On the Job Training" by 3d Depot Supply Squadron personnel. After several weeks at the 3d Air Depot Group we departed, with a few 3d Depot Supply Squadron personnel joining our squadron, for our final destination, Chabua, India. Our journey to the Upper Assam Valley took us by Indian narrow gage train, river boat on the Bramahputra River and again by narrow gage train.

On arrival, we were attached to the 51st Air Service Group, for a short time, whose headquarters and an airfield were physically located near the village of Mohanbari. Our encampment was located not far away, near the village of Moolkbari. We initially worked with the personnel of the 51st Supply Squadron until arrival of the 48th Air Depot Group Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron at Chabua, India. At this point, the Assam Air Depot (Air Service Command) was activated with our squadron becoming the 99th Depot Supply Squadron and assigned to the 48th Air Depot Group, in early 1944. The majority of the Assam Air Depot personnel were assigned to the 99th Depot Supply Squadron, complemented by personnel assigned to the 48th Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron. The ultimate physical location of the Assam Air Depot was near the Air Transport Command (ATC) airfield at Chabua, India.

The Assam Air Depot was only a depot supply facility, as it did not have a depot level maintenance or repair capability assigned. The depot supplied aircraft parts and supplies to U.S. Army Air Corps units in China, Burma, and the Upper Assam Valley of India.

After V-J Day, the majority of members of the 48th Air Depot Group, including the 99th Depot Supply Squadron, returned to the USA on the point system. The 48th Air Depot Group, was inactivated in April 1946 as indicated elsewhere in Part III herein.

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