

10th WEATHER GROUP

Personnel of Davis-Monthan Field were organized under the Combat Crew Training School Plan. Accordingly, the 39th Bombardment Group was redesignated as the 39th Combat Crew Training School. 1 Dec 1943

The 307th Airdrome Squadron was transferred. 25 Dec 1943

A B-24D, assigned to the 39th CCTS, crashed while attempting an emergency landing without landing lights. The plane struck the top of a residence near the end of the landing strip, continued low to the ground for several hundred yards, and then crashed near the end of the runway. The aircraft was almost a total loss and two crew members were killed instantly. 17 Jan 1944

A change in the command function occurred when the Base Commander was placed under the direct supervision of the Second Air Force Commander. The wings, greatly reduced in strength, became supervisory and inspection units. The 39th Combat Crew Training School was redesignated as the 233rd Army Air Force Base Unit. Mar 1944

An RB-24E, assigned to the 233rd AAF Base Unit Combat Crew Training Squadron, attempted a forced landing after the #1 engine failed. Four crew members were killed and five received minor injuries. 20 Mar 1944

Command control over Davis-Monthan Field was returned to the 16th Bombardment Wing in line with a general reorganization of Combat crew training wings in Second Air Force. 8 Feb 1945

MAJOR UNITS ASSIGNED DM

1st Bombardment Wing 1 May 1941

Headquarters, 16th Bombardment Wing 1 June 1943

39th Combat Crew Training School 1 December 1943

233rd Army Air Force Base Unit c March 1944

4105th Army Air Force Base Unit (Air Base) 15 November 1945

4270th Army Air Force Base Unit (Separation Base) 15 November 1945

248th Army Air Force Base Unit 31 March 1946

3040th Aircraft Storage Depot 20 August 1948

3040th Aircraft Storage Squadron 5 October 1949

Arizona Aircraft Storage Branch 1 June 1956

2704th Air Force Aircraft Storage and Disposition Group 1 August 1959

2704th Air Force Storage and Disposition Group 1 April 1960

4080th Strategic Wing 1 July 1963

4453rd Combat Crew Training Wing 1 July 1964
 Military Aircraft Storage and Disposition Center 1 February 1965

AAF BASE UNITS BY COMMAND ON 1 May 1945

222nd (Combat Crew Training Station-Heavy) (46th BOTW) Ardmore Army Air Field, Okla.
 224th (Combat Crew Training Station-Heavy) (15th BOTW) Sioux City Army Air Base, Iowa
 225th (Combat Crew Training Station-Heavy) (46th BOTW) Rapid City Army Air Base, S. Dak.
 230th (Hq, Combat Crew Training Wing) (16th BOTW) Biggs Field, Fort Bliss, Tex.
 231st (Combat Crew Training Station-Very Heavy) (16th BOTW) Alamogordo Army Air Field, N. Mex.
 232nd (Combat Crew Training Station-Fighter) (72nd FW) Dalhart Army Air Field, Tex.
 233rd (Combat Crew Training Station-Very Heavy) (16th BOTW) Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, Ariz.

450331	TB-29	44-69714		233AAFBU	Davis-Monthan Fld	TAC	Bergin, John E	Davis-Monthan Fld
450724	TB-29A	44-27287		233AAFBU	Davis Monthan AAF	GAC	Reames, Walker F	Tucson/ 6mi SE
450724	TB-29A	44-27289		233AAFBU	Davis Monthan AAF	TAC	Kesselheim, Bernard A Jr	Tucson/ 6mi SE
441203	B-24D	42-41022		233AAFBU		LAC	Homelvig, Elmer M	Davis-Monthan AAF (Tucson)
450904	TB-29A	44-86285		233AAFBU	Davis-Monthan AAF	LAC	Clow, Robert (NMI)	Davis-Monthan AAF

LINEAGE

STATIONS

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

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OPERATIONS

460603	AT-11B	42-37190	233AAFBU	Fort Worth AAF, TX	SAC	TAC	[parked aircraft]	Fort Worth AAF
460603	AT-6F	44-81831	233AAFBU	Fort Worth AAF, TX	SAC	MF	Walker, Donald M	Hobbs AAF/E
430924	F-8	43-34930	233AAFBU		Davis-Monthan AAF	GAC	Doescher, Howard D	Sioux City AAB
430925	L-3B	43-36126	233AAFBU		Davis-Monthan AAF	LAC	Thacker, William E	Davis-Monthan AAF
460420	AT-6F	44-81650	233AAFBU		Fort Worth AAF, TX	LAC	Hutchinson, Jack G	Lawson Fld
450822	TB-29	42-93936	233AAFBU		Davis-Monthan AAF	TAC	Miller, Jack E	Davis-Monthan AAF
460519	B-25J	44-29419	233AAFBU		Fort Worth AAF, TX	CBL	Maloney, Robert F	Ft Worth AAF
460326	C-45F	44-87288	233AAFBU		Fort Worth AAF, TX	CBL	Antwine, James M	Ft Worth AAF
460404	B-29A	44-62079	233AAFBU		Fort Worth AAF, TX	TAC	Young, Ralph W	Fort Worth AAF
430925	AT-9	41-12173	233BU		Davis-Monthan AAF, AZ	MAC	Shambach, John M	5M E Wilcox Gun Range, AZ

430925	PT-27	42-15630	233BU		Davis-Monthan Field, AZ	LAC	Conradi, Leslie J	Davis-Monthan Field, AZ
430925	PT-17	42-16367	233BU		Davis-Monthan Field, AZ	CLMF	MacLean, James H	20M SE Tucson, AZ
430925	L-4A	42-38391	233BU		Davis-Monthan Field, AZ	LAC	Kidwell, Guy S Jr	Bowman Field, KY
440714	B-24J	42-73337	233BU		Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, AZ	TACSF	Summerhays, Alma B	Intesec Rwys 12-26, Davis-Monthan AAF, NM
440723	B-24J	42-100083	233BU		Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, AZ	TACMF	Robinson, Don W	East Ramp, Davis-Monthan Field, AZ
440724	B-24J	42-73339	233BU		Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, AZ	TACMF	Owens, William B	North Ramp, Davis-Monthan Field, AZ
440804	B-24J	42-73371	233BU		Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, AZ	FLEFF	Yancey, James R	Rwy 30, Davis-Monthan Field, AZ
440810	B-24J	42-100130	233BU		Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, AZ	FLEF	Merkouris, Thomas M	1 mi N of new CAA Field, Wilcox, AZ
440821	B-24D	42-64041	233BU		Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, AZ	TOAMF	Starn, Rolland C	300 yds S of Rwy 12, Davis-Monthan Fld, AZ
440824	RA-25A	42-79749	233BU		Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, AZ	TACNU	Malezewski, Joseph F	West side Taxi ramp, Davis-Monthan Field, AZ
440829	B-24J	42-51507	233BU		Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, AZ	MFF	Schmid, Robert R	Over Wilcox Gunnery Range, Wilcox, AZ
440829	B-24J	42-78539	233BU		Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, AZ	FLMF	Brickett, Harry G	Rwy 8, Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, AZ
440914	B-24D	42-64038	233BU		Davis-Monthan AAF, Tucson, AZ	KCREF	Welenc, Chester L	8 mi SE of Davis-Monthan AAF, AZ
440919	B-24J	42-51468	233BU		Davis-Monthan AAF, Tucson, AZ	FLoG	Mahoney, Eugene	1.5 Mi S of Davis-Monthan AAF, AZ
440927	B-24J	42-78540	233BU		Davis-Monthan AAF, Tucson, AZ	SSPSF	Yapp, Robert G	15 mi NE of Davis-Monthan AAF, AZ

440929	B-24J	42-73161	233BU		Alamogordo AAB, Alamogordo, NM	KCRGC	Baker, David P	Alamogordo AAB, Alamogordo, NM
441010	B-24J	42-78541	233BU		Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, AZ	LAC	Rice, Richard R	Davis-Monthan Field, AZ
441019	B-24J	42-100145	233BU		Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, AZ	LAC	Schwarze, Frederick C	East Field Rwy 12, Davis-Monthan Field, NM
441011	B-24J	42-64163	233BU		Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, AZ	KTOAEF	Conley, Ernest S	300 yds off Rwy 12, Davis-Monthan Field, AZ
441029	B-24J	42-78546	233BU		Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, AZ	TAC	Haendiges, Roger M	Taxi Strip west end of Davis-Monthan Fld, AZ
440519	UC-78	42-58292	233BU		Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, AZ	LAC	Middlebrook, Paul L	Rwy 12R, Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, AZ
440520	B-24J	42-100002	233BU		Biggs Field, TX	KTOAEF	Monesi, Louis P	6 mi ENE of Biggs Field, TX
440602	B-24D	42-64041	233BU		Davis-Monthan Field, AZ	LAC	Woods, Don P	Rwy 30, Davis-Monthan Field, AZ
440602	B-24J	42-100087	233BU		Davis-Monthan Field, AZ	LAC	Luebke, Robert J	Rwy 30, Davis-Monthan Field, AZ
440625	RA-24	42-54650	233BU		Davis-Monthan AAF, Tucson, AZ	LACMF	Lamothe, Charles J	Love Field, Dallas, TX
440629	B-24D	41-23976	233BU		Davis-Monthan AAF, Tucson, AZ	KGAC	Peacock, Lester L	Parking Ramp, Davis-Monthan AAF, AZ
440714	B-24J	42-100063	233BU		Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, AZ	KBOF	Anderson, Joseph L	17 mi N of Shavers Summit, CA
440906	B-24J	42-73161	233BU		Davis-Monthan AAF, Tucson, AZ	LACW	Genner, George W	West end Rwy 26, Davis-Monthan AAF, AZ

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Sources

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