

305th TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON (HEAVY)

Lt. Col. John C. Riley, Maintenance Squadron commander at the 902nd departed Grenier to become 305th TCS Commander at Selfridge AFB, MI.

LINEAGE

305th Troop Carrier Squadron constituted, 25 May 1943
Activated, 1 Sep 1943
Inactivated, 30 Sep 1946
Redesignated 305th Troop Carrier Squadron (Medium), 10 May 1949
Activated in the reserve, 27 Jun 1949
Ordered to active service, 10 Mar 1951
Inactivated, 12 Mar 1951
Activated in the reserve, 15 Jun 1952
Inactivated, 26 Jul 1955
Activated in the reserve, 16 Nov 1957
Redesignated 305th Troop Carrier Squadron (Heavy), 8 May 1961
Ordered to active service, 1 Oct 1961
Relieved from active duty, 27 Aug 1962

STATIONS

Sedalia AAFld, MO, 1 Sep 1943
Alliance AAFld, NE, 16 Dec 1943
Pope Field, NC, 26 Jan 1944
Baer Field, IN, 2-8 Mar 1944
Fulbeck, England, c. 27 Mar 1944
Weston Zoyland, England, 13 Jun 1944 (operated from Follonica, Italy, 18 Jul-24 Aug 1944)
Peray, France, 6 Oct 1944
St-Andre-de-L'Eure, France, 11 Nov 1944 (operated from Metz, France, May-11 Sep 1945)
Munich, Germany, 11 Sep 1945
Capodichino, Italy, c. 16 Jan-30 Sep 1946
Fairfax Field, KS, 27 Jun 1949
Olathe NAS, KS, 27 May 1950-12 Mar 1951
Olathe NAS, KS, 15 Jun 1952
Grandview AFB, MO, 3 Apr-26 Jul 1955
Tinker AFB, OK, 16 Nov 1957

ASSIGNMENTS

442nd Troop Carrier Group, 1 Sep 1943-30 Sep 1946
442nd Troop Carrier Group, 27 Jun 1949-12 Mar 1951
442nd Troop Carrier Group, 15 Jun 1952-26 Jul 1955
442nd Troop Carrier Group, 16 Nov 1957
442nd Troop Carrier Wing, 14 Apr 1959
937th Troop Carrier Group, 17 Jan 1963

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-47, 1943-1946
C-124, 1961-1962

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

Edwin J. Angelo, #1959

HONORS

Service Streamers

None

Campaign Streamers

Rome-Arno
Normandy
Northern France
Southern France
Rhineland
Central Europe

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation
France, [6-7] Jun 1944

EMBLEM

On an Air Force blue disc within an Air Force golden yellow border fimbriated black, a caricatured gray whirlwind cloud, arched in dexter, wearing a merry expression on its face, eyeballs and highlights white, a handlike formation raised to chief supporting an Air Force golden yellow stylized aircraft in flight to dexter; drifting down in sinister six white parachutes; outlines and details black throughout, inscribed Air Force golden yellow. (Approved, 29 Sep 1960)

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

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TORNADO SQUADRON

OPERATIONS

Airborne assaults upon Normandy, Southern France, Holland, and Germany, and transportation of cargo and passengers in ETO and MTO, during World War II.

1961 Oct The 305th Troop Carrier Squadron (Reserve), a Tinker tenant unit, was called to active duty as a result of the Berlin crisis.

The first five squadrons to convert were the 77th, 78th, 303rd, 304th, and 305th TCSs. The 77th belonged to the 916th TCG, 512th TCW. The 78th also belonged to the 512th TCW but was assigned to the 917th TCG. The 303rd, 304th and 305th TCSs were all assigned to the 442nd TCW but were assigned to the 935th, 936th and 937th TCGs, respectively. It's also important to note the squadrons changed from Medium airlift status to Heavy airlift status with the conversion.

Changes and enhancements to the Reserve C-124 fleet came on November 30, 1965, when Special Order G-124 directed the following changes, which would go into effect on December 1st of the same year: Headquarters 442nd, 445th and 512th TCWs became Headquarters 442nd, 445th and 512th ATWs. Headquarters 918th, 935th, 936th, 916th, 917th, 937th, and 940th TCGs became Headquarters (numerical designation) ATG. The 941st and 942nd TGP-M, became ATGs-H. The previously mentioned seven groups remained Heavy airlift units.

The following units were also affected by Special Order G-124 and gained Air Transport Squadron, Heavy, designations: 77th, 78th, 303rd, 304th, 305th, 314th, and 700th TCSs (all Heavy); 97th and 728th TCSs, Medium. The 314th converted to C-124s in April, the 700th in July, the 728th in August, and the 97th in December.

Special Order G-130, dated 10 December, 1965, made the following changes: 337th TCS of the 905th TCG (both Medium) became Air Transport Squadron and Air Transport Group, respectively, using their assigned numerical designations. Records indicate the group and its squadron didn't convert to the C-124 until April, 1966.

440110	CG-4A	42-46583	305TCS	442TCG	Alliance AAB, NE	LAC	Hodges, Clark C.	Alliance, NE
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441130	C-47A	43-15122	305TCS	442TCG	B24	MAC	Witt, Kenneth C	Rance
441130	C-47A	43-15131	305TCS	442TCG	B24	KMAC	Aldrin, Roger L	Rance
450118	C-47A	42-93093	305TCS	442TCG	St Andre (B-24)	GACW	[parked aircraft]	Greenham Common (Sta 486)
450315	C-47A	42-92414	305TCS	442TCG	B24	FF	Lange, William F	Gravesend
450507	L-4A	42-36664	305TCS	442TCG	B24	CR	Cekola, Caarl G	Pacy-sur-Eure
450809	C-47A	42- 108838	305TCS	442TCG	Y80	LAC	Tittle, Robert L	Weisbaden/Y80
460323	L-5	42-99255	305TCS	442TCG		TOA	Kinling, William J	Isola D'Liri
460506	C-47B	43-49535	305TCS	492ASrG		GAC	Sanders, Norman E	Capodichino AF
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Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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