

# **810 MEDICAL AIR EVACUATION SQUADRON**

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810 Medical Air Evacuation Squadron

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The 810th MAES graduated August 13, 1943, from AAF School of Air Evacuation, Bowman Field, Kentucky. Each squadron was given continued training until oversea orders were received.

In November 1943, the squadron of four doctors, twenty-four nurses, twenty-four medical corpsmen and office personnel sailed aboard the Cristobal, becoming part of an eighty-ship convoy that zigzagged across the Atlantic to avoid detection by German submarines. The 810th was sent to Bottesford, England and continued training until D-Day was near. Prior to D-Day the 810th was moved to Aldamaston, England, and assigned to the Troop Carrier Command.

D-Day plus four, the squadron began air evacuating the wounded from Normandy, with fighter escort protection. The first casualties had received only first aid and were still wearing combat fatigues.

As the army moved forward, the Troop Carriers C-47's carried in needed supplies and the medical crew. When the supplies were off-loaded, the Flight Nurse and Medical Corpmen converted the aircraft interior to receive ambulatory and litter patients. It was not unusual to hear or see bombs bursting nearby and it was imperative to take off as quickly as possible. The C-47's flew at low altitude often just over tree tops, to avoid detection.

They followed the army forward until they reached Berlin. The squadron evacuated casualties from the Normandy, N. France, Ardenes and Rhineland Campaigns.

The Air Medal was awarded each member of the squadron for serving with distinction on dangerous air evacuation missions, in unmarked aircraft, in hostile territory.

In May 1945, the 810th was assigned to A.T.C. and few Trans Atlantic missions between Prestwick, Scotland and New York and later between Paris, France and New York. The last part of 1945 the squadron returned to the states and disbanded.

810th, 814th and 815th Sqdn. Ardennes-Alsace; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland. Each member of the 810th unit was awarded the Air Medal for serving with distinction on dangerous air evac missions in unmarked aircraft in hostile territory.

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