

908 AERIAL PORT FLIGHT

MISSION

908 Aerial Port Flight was responsible for cargo and passenger terminal operations; also the rigging and preparation of air drop material.

LINEAGE

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Activated

Inactivated, 1 Oct 1977

STATIONS

Maxwell AFB, AL

ASSIGNMENTS

76 Aerial Port Squadron

918 Tactical Airlift Group, 22 Dec 1972

COMMANDERS

1Lt Jerry V. Rockett

Capt Glenward L. Spivey

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

On 22 December the 908 Aerial Port Flight was relieved from the 76th Aerial Port Squadron, Lockbourne AFB, Ohio and assigned to the 906th Tactical Airlift Group.

The 908 Aerial Port Flight deployed to Langley AFB, Virginia on July 30th for 11 days of training during the annual summer encampment. The purpose of the deployment was to accomplish Materials Handling Equipment (MHE) training in accordance with AFM 52-4. The vehicles necessary for accomplishing this training is not available at Maxwell AFB. While at Langley all the personnel were able to obtain driver's license for the 6K and 10K Forklift, Adverse Terrain Forklift and 25K Loader. In addition to the training received on MHE personnel were able to obtain hands-on experience in pallet build-up, aircraft loading/off-loading and cargo tie-down. Classroom training for MHE, pallet build-up, and cargo tie-down procedures was provided by the host Aerial Port Squadron at Langley. The training and experience received during this deployment will be very valuable in upgrading the efficiency of the Aerial Port Flight. 1974

There were several changes in personnel which increased the amount of training required by the unit. Five personnel were deployed to Warner-Robins AFB, GA for a Hazardous Cargo School held there. The training received by these persons should prove helpful in future mobility exercises as well as normal training for the other personnel assigned. The personnel not deploying to Robins received training in the transportation career field, material handling equipment, and documentation training for cargo and passengers. A practice mobility exercise was held during the encampment and proved helpful in orientating new personnel to the proper procedures. Plans were made for deployments to other bases for hands-on experience in Aircraft load-offload operations and materials handling equipment operations

All assigned personnel have been involved in a variety of training including Alcohol Abuse, Vehicle and Equipment Safety, Protection of the President and Dangerous Cargo Storage and Safety. The unit lost one staff sergeant who transferred to Bergstrom AFB TX.

During the Annual Tour, the 908 Aerial Port Flight deployed to Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma. While there, personnel were involved in training activities which increased the overall effectiveness of this unit and brought into clearer perspective the overall mission of MAC. While at Tinker AFB training included: pallet build-up and breakdown; loading and unloading various aircraft (C-5's, DC-9's, C-130's, and C-141's); operation of forklifts and K-loaders; and operation of a mechanized Aerial Port. It is felt by the unit that the training received at Tinker AFB was very helpful in improving the operation of the 908th Aerial Port Flight. 1976

On 1 Oct 1977 the 908 Aerial Port Flight was inactivated. Loss of this unit severely hampers capability of 908 TAG during mobility exercises as host, Air University, has no capability in Air Terminal Services (Freight). Personnel of the unit were transferred to the Combat Support

Squadron and will be retrained as appropriate vacancies occur. An urgent manpower authorization was formulated and forwarded to AFRES for increased authorizations to meet mobility commitments.

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