

908 AEROMEDICAL STAGING SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

908 Tactical Dispensary constituted, 15 Jan 1963
Organized in the Reserve, 11 Feb 1963
Redesignated 908 Tactical Clinic, 1 Apr 1973
Redesignated 908 Tactical Hospital, 1 Oct 1989
Redesignated 908 Medical Squadron, 1 Nov 1990
Redesignated 908 Aeromedical Staging Squadron, 1 Oct 1994

STATIONS

Bates Fld, AL, 11 Feb 1963
Brookley AFB, AL, 1 Oct 1964
Maxwell AFB, AL, 25 Apr 1969

ASSIGNMENTS

908 Troop Carrier Group (later, 908 Tactical Airlift Group; 908 Tactical Air Support Group; 908 Tactical Airlift Group; 908 Airlift Group; 908 Airlift Wing), 11 Feb 1963

COMMANDERS

Col Darryl B. Britt
Lt Col Norwood J. Fleming, Jr., 8 Feb 1988

Maj Robert L. Young
Col William I. Silvernail, Jr.

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards

1 Jul 1972-15 Mar 1974

1 Jan 1976-30 Nov 1977

1 Feb 1980-31 Jan 1982

1 Sep 1986-31 Aug 1988

1 Sep 1990-30 Jun 1991

1 Sep 1991-31 Aug 1993

1 Oct 2003-30 Sep 2005

1 Jan 2011-31 Dec 2011

1 Jan 2014-31 Dec 2015

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OPERATIONS

During the December UTA, nearly 700 flu shots were administered to 908th personnel, to hopefully counter the flu epidemic currently spreading throughout the Southeast. (Atch #4)
In this quarter approximately 1,500 immunizations were accomplished. This program is receiving the Group Commander's support in order that the unit will be 100% in its immunization program.

The Dental Clinic was refurbished and carpeted to provide a professional appearance. Various surgical procedures were accomplished and an extensive program of preventive dentistry undertaken, utilizing the Crest Preventative Dentistry Kit.



908 Tactical Clinic personnel screening 357 TAS personnel in a mobility line.

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Darryl Britt, Commander, Tactical Clinic, was guest speaker at the Alabama Academy of Family Practice's annual meeting in Calloway Gardens, Georgia, in June.

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Robert Young, dentist, graduated from the Base Dental Surgeons Course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, in May.

A total of 31 flying physicals and 41 nonflying physicals were performed during this quarter, and 107 immunizations were administered. Weight counselling and preventive dentistry were ongoing.

The Clinic deployed to Tyndall AFB, FL for its two week annual tour from 6 June to 20 June 82. The clinic personnel were integrated into the USAF Hospital at that base and the training received was excellent and enjoyed by all members of the clinic

On 1 October 1983, members of the 35th Aeromedical Evacuation Flight and 908th Tactical Clinic participated in an integrated exercise, "Patriot Samaritan 83", with medical units of the 94th Tactical Airlift Wing in a combat scenario that deployed nearly 1,000 personnel to six operating sites in four states. The 35th AEF and the 908 Tac Clinic participated from Maxwell. This exercise demonstrated most aspects of combat medicine, including casualty management, chemical warfare defense, patient care under combat conditions, patient movement by land and air, and extensive user service interface.

Locally the exercise involved reservists completing the following scenario twice: simulated battlefield casualties received at field hospital; stabilized and transported to a mobile aeromedical staging facility where they are pre- pared for evacuation by C-130.

Members of the 109th Evacuation Hospital, Alabama Army National Guard flew in from Birmingham on a CH-54 helicopter to act as "battlefield casualties."

The casualties were transported by ambulance from the field hospital to a staging facility manned by 35th personnel. Here the patients awaited the 908th C-130 on which they were

loaded (several on stretchers) and flown back to Birmingham. The exercise was a success, showing that these members were combat ready.

1984 TACTICAL CLINIC mobilized 24 members of the clinic and 6 members of the 35th Aeromedical Evacuation Flight to Torrejon AB Spain on 4 May 84 for annual encampment. Members worked in the hospital at Torrejon AB covering positions vacated by active duty members who were mobilized elsewhere for their exercise. Training and experience was abundant on all areas of training. The 908th Tactical clinic left the USAF Hospital at Torrejon, Spain May 19, with hospital personnel there wishing the Tac Clinic would come back soon.

For their work during the two weeks in Spain, Torrejon Hospital commander, Col. E. D. Ramos presented the 908th a Certificate of Appreciation, one of the few received by a Reserve medical unit. The certificate cited the Tac Clinic for "an outstanding deployment and contribution to this hospital during the period 5-19 May 1984." It was the first time the 908th Tac Clinic had deployed overseas in several years.

Tac Clinic Commander Col. Darryl Britt commented 23 members of the Clinic along with six members from the 35th Aeromedical Evacuation Flight and one more from the 357th Tactical Airlift Squadron trained in Torrejon by filling for active duty members who were away on an exercise. Forty-five active duty members of the hospital were away, manning an Air Transportable Hospital. It wasn't all work and no play, as the 908th members were given an opportunity for sightseeing during their middle weekend there.

At a going-away party given by the Torrejon Hospital, one hospital official said if reservists were like members of the 908th Tac Clinic, they are welcome anytime

The 908th has a tactical clinic which also provides for the physical treatment of their assigned personnel. The clinic is commanded by Lt. Col. Darryl B. Britt.

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