52nd MEDICAL SERVICE SQUADRON

LINEAGE

STATIONS
Scott AFB, IL, 25 Sep 1964

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS
Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

EMBLEM SIGNIFICANCE

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS
Fifteen days after it was mobilized, the 34th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, commanded by Capt. Charles J. Kittell, went to Yokota, Japan, on temporary duty for 179 days. Its personnel flew medical evacuation routes from Vietnam to the United States, taking part in 1,262 combat missions in Southeast Asia and 948 evacuation missions from Japan to the United States. The 52d Medical Service Squadron remained at its home station, Scott AFB, Illinois, and helped alleviate the base hospital's increased patient load from Southeast Asia, handling about 2,000 patients a month. The average base hospital and casualty staging flight workload doubled in early 1968 with a surge in the number of C-141 aeromedical evacuation flights coming in from the Pacific. The additional 52d Squadron personnel at the Scott hospital reduced a 67-day patient backlog in the facility's ophthalmology clinic to 12 days by January 1969. Similarly, the backlog of the ear, nose, and throat clinic, which had consistently run to 25 days before May 1968, was reduced to four
days.

Headquarters Military Airlift Command released the 82d, 86th, and 83rd Aerial Port Squadrons from extended active duty on December 12, 1968, and the C-124 units on June 1, 1969. Finally, on June 18, 1969, the Military Airlift Command released the 34th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, the 52d Medical Service Squadron, and the 305th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron. On the same day, the Tactical Air Command released the 930th Special Operations Group, its maintenance squadron and aerial port flight, and the 71st Special Operations Squadron. These actions meant that the 305th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron had served the longest stint on extended active duty: it was mobilized on January 26, 1968, and released on June 18, 1969.

52 MEDICAL SERVICE SQUADRON (MSES), SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, IL, UTILIZES UNITED STATES AIR FORCE MEDICAL CENTER AND 1 AEROMEDICAL EVACUATION STAGING FLIGHT (ASF). COL FLOYD C. NORTHINGTON, COMMANDER. 52 MSES RECRUITED ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON. UNIT CONTINUED TO EMPHASIZE ON THE JOB TRAINING (OJT). IN SERVICE TRAINING FOR NURSING AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL. RETENTION GOALS EXCEEDED. FOCUS REMAINED ON TRAINING REQUIREMENTS TO INSURE MOBILITY READINESS. TABLES ILLUSTRATE ASSIGNED AND AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL AND MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED. PERSONNEL FROM 52 MSES PARTICIPATED IN REFORGER 88 EXERCISE AT 310 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE CONTINGENCY HOSPITAL, ROYAL AIR FORCE (RAF) NOCTON HALL, UNITED KINGDON (UK). 1988