

123 CIVIL ENGINEERING SQUADRON

MISSION

LINEAGE

123 Installations Squadron federally recognized, 4 Jan 1954
Inactivated, 30 Jun 1957

STATIONS

Charlotte, NC

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Cpt Charlie M. Hanes

1Lt George Williams, 1952

1Lt Herbert Lee, 1952-1953

Cpt QuebbXXXXX, 1957

LTC William Seiber, 1969-1976

LTC James Kline, 1976

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

123rd Air Base Group contained support units for the 156th.

On 3 Dec 1953 the 123rd Air Base Group was transferred to the State of North Carolina by Order of the Secretary of the Air Force and under the provisions of the National Defense Act of 1916, as amended. This action, in effect, transferred the 123rd Air Base Group from the Kentucky Air National Guard to the North Carolina Air National Guard.

The 123rd Air Base Group, and subordinate units, played a major role in the North Carolina Air National Guard until its inactivation effective 30 Jun 1957. The Group and subordinate units, at this time, were relinquished to the National Guard Bureau. The reason for inactivation of the 123rd Air Base Group was the allocation of the 145th Fighter Group (Air Defense) and subordinate units to the North Carolina Air National Guard effective 1 Jul 1957.

During the field training period, working at Shewmaker, the Civil Engineering Section replaced a portion of pavement in the Motor Pool, designed second-story alterations to the Hangar, and repaired a number of plumbing and electrical lines. Early 1960s

Now back on state status, the inactive units were placed back in service once more. The 123d Field Maintenance Squadron, created in the move to Richards-Gebaur, was replaced by the CAM Squadron once more. On Oct. 18, recognizing the value of the work provided by the section during active duty days, the 123d Civil Engineering Flight was created. They were very soon instructed to form a "Prime Beef" team as part of the intensified training they would undergo.

The Year 1971 — KyANG Recovers From Activation In January the recently-formed 123d Civil Engineering Flight was the envy of all when they went to Hawaii for field training. Commanded by Maj William D. Seiber, the engineers went to Barking Sands on the island of Kauai Jan. 9-23. Airlifted by C-124 transports, the Kentuckians spent 12 days constructing two complete wooden structures to be used as open bay barracks at the field training site. They came home saying they'd lived in tents and eaten out of a field ration mess hall.

The Civil Engineering Flight also was busy on projects, moving a B-58 hangar from Grissom AFB, Ind., to Shewmaker for their own use. They also dismantled and moved an automotive maintenance shop at Bowman Field and moved it for the Army National Guard.

The Civil Engineers performed their field training at Shewmaker in 1972, completing work on a steel building housing a Snack Bar. It was opened June 26, with the entire construction effort requiring some 2,000 manhours of labor, but reducing the cost of the building by half.

The Civil Engineers, as was becoming customary, did their own summer program-in January. First they went to Tyndall AFB, Fla., to be tested in certain programs required of Prime Beef teams as field exercises. Next they went to Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, to assist with some construction for the Air Guard there.

The Civil Engineering Flight took annual training at Howard AFB, Panama Canal Zone. They made several building alterations and created more good will for the KyANG, at least most of the time. Several members of the unit, including Maj Jim Kline, learned how to take a small can of tomato juice and turn it into real refreshments.

Oct. 18 1969 ... The 123d Civil Engineering Flight was created and shortly was ordered to form a "Prime Beef team as part of intensified training for the new unit of the KyANG.

January 1971. . . The 123d Civil Engineering Flight attended field training at Barking Sands on the island of Kauai, Hawaii, where they constructed two barracks for the HANG.

July 1957 . . . Four new units were added to the KyANG, including a Headquarters unit, Air Police, Food Service, Installations and Communications Squadrons.

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