

331 TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON (ASSAULT)



MISSION

LINEAGE

10 Combat Cargo Squadron constituted, 1 Jun 1944

Activated, 5 Jun 1944

Redesignated 331 Troop Carrier Squadron, 1 Oct 1945

Inactivated, 6 Jan 1946

Redesignated 331 Troop Carrier Squadron (Special) and activated, 19 Nov 1948

Inactivated, 16 Oct 1949

Redesignated 331 Troop Carrier Squadron (Assault, Fixed Wing), 30 Jun 1955

Activated, 8 Nov 1944

Redesignated 331 Troop Carrier Squadron (Assault), 1 Jul 1958

Inactivated 1 Dec 1958

STATIONS

Sylhet, India, 5 Jun 1944

Dergaon, India, 5 Aug 1944

Dinjan, India, 31 Aug 1944

Myitkyina, Burma, 3 Jun 1945

Shanghai, China, 10 Oct 1948-Dec 15, 1945

Ft Lawton, WA, 5-6 Jan 1946

Rhein Main AB, Germany, 19 Nov 1948 – 16 Oct 1949

Sewart AFB, TN, 8 Nov 1955 – 1 Dec 1958

ASSIGNMENTS

3 Combat Cargo Group (later 513 Troop Carrier) Group, 5 Jun 1944 – 6 Jan 1946

513 Troop Carrier Group, 19 Nov 1946 – 16 Oct 1949

513 Troop Carrier Group, 8 Nov 1955
513 Troop Carrier Wing 8 Oct 1957 – 1 Dec 1958

WEAPON SYSTEMS

C-47, 1944 – 1945
C-46, 1945 – 1946
C-47A
C-47B
C-46D
C-54, 1948
C-119, 1955
C-123, 1956

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

India-Burma
China Defensive, Central Burma
China Offensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Air Force Outstanding unit award
19 Aug 1956 – 3 Dec 1956

EMBLEM



10 Combat Cargo Squadron emblem

331 Troop Carrier Squadron emblem: Over a medium blue disc, bordered dark blue, a caricatured personified aircraft, silver-grey; with wings and tail markings red; with amusing facial expression, iris of eye, nose and tires dark blue; eyeball and teeth white; a halo over his head golden yellow; above the aircraft a white cloud transpierced with a lightning flash golden yellow; the aircraft landing with one wheel on a silhouetted representation of a dime, silver-grey; a white cloud of dust rising from the landing wheel; all outlines and detail throughout dark blue. (Approved, 26 Mar 1957)

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

Aerial transportation in CBI, June 11, 1944- September 1945; airlift of Chinese troops to eastern China to perform disarmament operations, Oct 17, 1945 - Dec 8, 1945.

Squadron's mission was to carry ground troops and auxiliary combat equipment to effective locations in a combat zone, maintain combat reinforcements, supply and resupply units in the combat zone", and evacuate casualties and other personnel from such zones. Seeing that this unit was to be carrying cargo into the heart of the battle, it was called Combat Cargo.

Berlin Airlift, Dec 2, 1948 - September 20, 1949.

Not manned, September 15, 1958 - Dec 1, 1958.

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