

443rd TROOP CARRIER GROUP

MISSION

LINEAGE

443rd Troop Carrier Group constituted, 25 May 1943

Activated, 1 Oct 1943

Inactivated, 26 Dec 1945

Redesignated 443rd Troop Carrier Group (Medium) and allotted to the reserve and activated, 27 Jun 1949

Called to active duty, 1 May 1951

Inactivated, 1 Feb 1953

STATIONS

Sedalia AAFld, MO, 1 Oct 1943

Alliance AAFld, NE, 19 Jan 1944-15 Feb 1944

Sylhet, India, 15 Feb 1944

Sookerating, India, 6 Jun 1944

Dinjan, India, 9 Jul 1944

Ledo, India, 8 Oct 1944

Dinjan, India, 11 May 1945

Chihkiang, China, 28 Aug 1945

Hankow, China, 25 Sep-30 Nov 1945

Camp Anza, CA, 23-26 Dec 1945

Hensley Field, TX, 27 Jun 1949

Donaldson AFB, SC, 9 Aug 1951-1 Feb 1953

ASSIGNMENTS

Tactical Air Command

WEAPON SYSTEMS

L-3

O-53
C-47
C-46
C-119

COMMANDERS

Maj Elmer F. Estrumse, 5 Oct 1943
LTC Charles D. Farr, 13 Mar 1944
LTC Loren Cornell, 16 May 1944
Col Thomas J. Schofield, 1 Nov 1944
Col Herbert A. Bott, 12 Apr 1945
Col Frederick L. Moore, 11 Sep 1945
LTC Jack F. Marr, Dec-26 Dec 1945
Col James B. Henson, 1 May 1951
Maj Clifford F Harris, 15 Dec 1952-1 Feb 1953

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

India-Burma
China Defensive
Central Burma
China Offensive

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citation
China, 5-30 Sep 1945

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OPERATIONS

Transferred, without personnel and equipment, on 15 Feb 1944 to India, where the group was remanned and new squadrons were assigned. Operated in the CBI theater until after the war, using C-47s and sometimes gliders to transport Allied troops, evacuate wounded personnel, and haul supplies and materiel, including gasoline, oil, signal and engineering equipment, medicine, rations, and ammunition. The group's missions were concerned primarily with support for Allied forces that were driving southward through Burma, but the 443d also made

many flights to China. It moved to China in Aug 1945 and received a DUC for transporting a Chinese army of more than 30,000 men from Chihkiang to Nanking in Sep 1945.

Air Force Order of Battle

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