

464th TROOP CARRIER GROUP, MEDIUM



MISSION

LINEAGE

464th Bombardment Group (Heavy) constituted, 19 May 1943

Activated, 1 Aug 1943

Inactivated, 31 Jul 1945

Redesignated 464th Troop Carrier Group, Medium

Activated in the US, 1 Feb 1953

STATIONS

Wendover Field, UT, 1 Aug 1943

Gowen Field, ID, 22 Aug 1943

Pocatello AAFld, ID, 2 Oct 1943-9 Feb 1944

Pantanella Airfield, Italy, Mar 1944

Gioia, Italy, 21 Apr 1944

Pantanella Airfield, Italy, 1 Jun 1944-May 1945

Waller Field, Trinidad, Jun-31 Jul 1945

Lawson AFB, GA, 1 Feb 1953

Pope AFB, NC, 16 Sep 1954-11 Nov 1957

ASSIGNMENTS

Fifteenth Air Force

Air Transport Command

Tactical Air Command

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-24

C-46

C-119

COMMANDERS

Unkn, 1 Aug-2 Sep 1943

Col Marshall Bonner, 2 Sep 1943

Col Arnold L, Schroeder, 30 Jun 1944

Col A, J, Bird, Jr., 13 Mar 1945-unkn

Col James A. Evans, 1 Feb 1953

Col Charles F. Franklin, 1954

LTC Adam A. Reaves, 1955

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

American Theater

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Air Offensive, Europe

Rome-Arno

Normandy

Northern France

Southern France

North Apennines

Rhineland

Central Europe

Po Valley

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Vienna, Austria, 8 Jul 1944

Pardubice, Czechoslovakia, [24] Aug 1944

EMBLEM

Azure, surmounting a cloud argent, an American eagle descendant, wings, endorsed proper, between his beak four lightning streaks, two and two gules, speed lines of the first all inclosed by two bendlets sinister vert, edged or. (Approved 15, Apr 1954)

MOTTO

CERTISSIMUS IN IN-CERTIS—Most Certain in Uncertainties

NICKNAME**OPERATIONS**

Moved to the Mediterranean theater, Feb-Apr 1944, with the air echelon training for a few weeks in Tunisia before joining the remainder of the group in Italy. Operating primarily as part of the strategic bombardment force that disrupted German industry and communications. Flew long-range missions to attack such objectives as marshalling yards, oil refineries, oil storage facilities, aircraft factories, and chemical plants in Italy, France, Germany) Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Austria, Rumania, Yugoslavia, and Greece. Received a DUC for leading the 55th Wing in compact formation through heavy opposition to bomb marshalling yards and an oil refinery at Vienna on 8 Jul 1944. Received another DUC for a mission on 24 Aug 1944 when the group scored hits not only on the target, an oil refinery at Pardubice, but also on nearby railroad tracks. Sometimes engaged in support and interdiction operations. Supported Allied forces during the invasion of Southern France in Aug 1944. Hit railroad centers to assist the advance of Russian troops in southeastern Europe in Mar 1945. Bombed enemy supply lines to assist the advance of US Fifth and British Eighth Army in northern Italy in Apr 1945.

Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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