

## 465<sup>th</sup> TROOP CARRIER GROUP



### MISSION

### LINEAGE

465<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group (Heavy) constituted, 19 May 1943  
Activated, 1 Aug 1943  
Inactivated, 31 Jul 1945  
Redesignated 465<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Group, Medium  
Activated, 1 Feb 1953  
Inactivated

### STATIONS

Alamogordo AAFld, NM, 1 Aug 1943  
Kearns, UT, Sep 1943  
McCook AAFld, NE, 5 Oct 1943-1 Feb 1944  
Pantanella Airfield, Italy, Apr 1944-Jun 1945  
Waller Field, Trinidad, 15 Jun-31 Jul 1945  
Donaldson AFB, SC, 1 Feb-30 Nov 1953  
Toul/Rosiere AB, France, Dec 1953  
Evreux AB, France, 20 May 1955

### ASSIGNMENTS

Fifteenth Air Force  
Air Transport Command  
United States Air Forces in Europe

## **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-24

C-119

## **COMMANDERS**

Col Elmer J. Rogers, Jr., 24 Aug 1943

Col Charles A. Clark, Jr., 13 Mar 1944

LTC Joshua H. Foster, Dec 1944

LTC William F. Day, Jr., 26 Apr 1945-unkn

Maj Clifford F. Harris, Feb 1953

Col Earl W. Worley, c. Mar 1953

LTC James D. Barlow, 10 May 1954

Col James A. Evans, Jr., 19 Sep 1954

Col James D. Barlow, 7 Apr 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

Germany, 3 Aug 1944

### **EMBLEM**

Per bend gules and vert, a bend argent charged with a bendlet azure, between a wing of the third and a compass proper bezant, with diapering green, bordered argent, thereover a four-pointed star compass, gules and azure. (Approved, 1 Jun 1955)

### **MOTTO**

## ONUS FERENS VITAM—Cargo Carrying Life

### **NICKNAME**

### **OPERATIONS**

Entered combat on 5 May 1944 and served primarily as a strategic bombardment organization until late in Apr 1945. Attacked marshalling yards, dock facilities, oil refineries, oil storage plants, aircraft factories, and other objectives in Italy, France, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary, and the Balkans. On two different missions—to marshalling yards and an oil refinery at Vienna on 8 Jul 1944 and to steel plants at Friedrichshafen on 3 Aug 1944—the group bombed its targets despite anti-aircraft fire and fighter opposition, being awarded a DUG for each of these attacks. Other operations included bombing troop concentrations and bivouac areas in May 1944 to aid the Partisans in Yugoslavia; attacking enemy troops and supply lines to assist the drive toward Rome, May-Jun 1944; striking bridges, rail lines, and gun emplacements prior to the invasion of Southern France in Aug 1944; bombing rail facilities and rolling stock in Oct 1944 to support the advance of Russian and Rumanian forces in the Balkans; and hitting troops, gun positions, bridges, and supply lines during Apr 1945 in support of Allied forces in northern Italy. Moved to the Caribbean area in Jun 1945.

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Air Force Order of Battle

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Sources

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