

## 733 MILITARY AIRLIFT SQUADRON



### HONORS

#### LINEAGE

333 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 28 Jan 1942  
Activated, 15 Jun 1942  
Inactivated, 1 Dec 1945  
Redesignated 333 Bombardment Squadron, Very Heavy, 13 May 1947  
Activated in the reserve, 29 May 1947  
Redesignated 333 Bombardment Squadron, Light, 26 Jun 1949  
Ordered to active service, 10 Mar 1951  
Inactivated, 20 Mar 1951  
Redesignated 333 Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, 26 May 1952  
Activated in the reserve, 14 Jun 1952  
Inactivated, 18 May 1955  
Redesignated 733 Troop Carrier Squadron (Medium), 24 Oct 1957  
Activated in the reserve, 16 Nov 1957  
Ordered to active service, 28 Oct 1962  
Relieved from active duty, 28 Nov 1962

#### STATIONS

MacDill Field, FL, 15 Jun 1942  
Pendleton Field, OR, 29 Jun 1942  
Davis-Monthan Field, AZ, 29 Aug 1942  
Biggs Field, TX, 1 Nov 1942  
Pueblo AAB, CO, 3 Jan-17 Apr 1943  
Earls Colne, England, 11 May 1943  
Bury St Edmunds, England, 13 Jun 1943-23 Nov 1945  
Camp Kilmer, NJ, 29 Nov-1 Dec 1945

Marietta AAFM, GA, 29 May 1947-20 Mar 1951  
Dobbins AFB, GA, 14 Jun 1952-18 May 1955  
Hill AFB, UT, 16 Nov 1957-1 Jan 1973

### **ASSIGNMENTS**

94 Bombardment Group, 15 Jun 1942-1 Dec 1945  
94 Bombardment Group, 29 May 1947-20 Mar 1951  
94 Tactical Reconnaissance Group, 14 Jun 1952-18 May 1955  
452 Troop Carrier Group, 16 Nov 1957  
452 Troop Carrier Wing, 14 Apr 1959  
349 Troop Carrier Wing, 28 Oct 1962  
452 Troop Carrier Wing, 28 Nov 1962  
945 Troop Carrier Group, 17 Jan 1963

### **WEAPON SYSTEMS**

B-17, 1942-1945  
C-119, 1962

### **COMMANDERS**

#### **HONORS**

##### **Service Streamers**

None

##### **Campaign Streamers**

Offensive, Europe  
Air Normandy  
Northern France  
Rhineland  
Ardennes-Alsace  
Central Europe  
Air Combat, EAME Theater

##### **Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers**

##### **Decorations**

Distinguished Unit Citations  
Germany, 17 Aug 1943  
Germany, 11 Jan 1944

### **EMBLEM**



333 Bombardment Squadron emblem



733 Troop Carrier Squadron emblem: On an Air Force blue disc bordered Air Force golden yellow, two white cloud formations surmounted by an Air Force golden yellow Western Airlines TV bird in profile, resting comfortably against a white pillow as he sits in a chair, a helmet on his head, a cigarette in holder in his right hand, and with his left hand supporting a rifle against his left shoulder, all golden brown, all atop the tail section of an aircraft issuing from base, the tail fin rising in sinister white, shaded silver-gray; outlines and details Air Force blue throughout. (Approved, 22 Apr 1960)

#### **MOTTO**

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#### **NICKNAME**

#### **OPERATIONS**

Combat in ETO, 13 May 1943-21 Apr 1945.

The 733 Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, a unit under the 945 Troop Carrier Group, Medium, was redesignated the 733 Military Airlift Squadron, Medium. 1 OCT 1966

A reorganization within Continental Air Command's Troop Carrier Squadrons made Hill AFB's tenant, the 733rd Troop Carrier Squadron, one of three under the 945th Troop Carrier Group, headquartered at Hill AFB. Such an organization had served OOAMA with movement of supplies and equipment to the Minuteman sites. For its parent command it served signally in transporting manpower and supplies in times of emergency, such as the Cuban Crisis. The reorganization would potentially raise strength of the outfit from 300 to 800, thus increasing services available and the payroll by a plus one million dollars annually. 17 JAN 1963

During the Cuban missile crisis, the Secretary of Defense called up 24 Air Reserve Troop Carrier Squadrons and six Aerial Port Squadrons. One such outfit was the Hill AFB tenant, the 733rd Troop

Carrier Squadron (TCS). Although normally an integral unit of the Continental Air Command, the 733rd when activated was assigned to the Tactical Air Command (TAG). During the Cuban missile crisis, the 733rd served by moving supplies and equipment to Minuteman sites and by transporting manpower and supplies as required.

On 17 January 1963, reorganization within the Continental Air Command's Troop Carrier Squadrons made the 733rd TCS one of three under the 945th Troop Carrier Group, an Air Force Reserve tenant at Hill AFB. Reorganization of the outfit would potentially raise its strength from 300 to 800 members, thus increasing services available and the payroll by over one million dollars annually. As part of the reorganization ceremonies, a C-119 Flying Boxcar assigned to the 733rd TCS was christened the "State of Utah." On 15 February 1964, the 945th Troop Carrier Group (TCG) (Medium) also gained the Air Force 945th Aerial Port Flight organization of the HQ Continental Air Command.

Inactivated here was the Hq 945 Military Airlift Group, and Air Force Reserve (AFRES) activity and its Squadrons, Flights, etc., as follows 945 Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Sq, USAF Dispensary., Civil Engineering Flight, Support Squadron, Communications Flight, and the 733 Military Airlift Squadron. 1 Jan 1973

A message sent on 16 February 1966, origin unclear, announced plans to convert more C-119 units to the larger C-124. Units affected were the 459th TCW; 901st, 904th, 909th, 932nd, and 945th TCGs; and the 73rd, 336th, 731st, 733rd, and 756th TCSs. It's important to realize not all of these groups and squadrons were assigned to the 459th Wing. The 901st belonged to the 94th Wing, as did the 904th. The 909th belonged to the 459th Wing and would later be joined by the 911th. The 932nd Group belonged to the 442nd Wing and the 945th Group was claimed by the 452nd TCW.

CAC 733rd MAS 945th MAG C-124C 51-0073 at Elmendorf AFB, AK, on 29 June 1967.

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