

779 TACTICAL AIRLIFT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

779th Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 19 May 1943
Activated, 1 Aug 1943
Inactivated, 31 Jul 1945
Redesignated 779th Bombardment Squadron (Very Heavy), 14 Nov 1945
Redesignated 779th Troop Carrier Squadron (Medium), 24 May 1955
Activated, 8 Jun 1955
Inactivated, 1 Aug 1957
Activated
Redesignated 779th Tactical Airlift Squadron

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, 13 Apr 1944
Gioia, Italy, 20 Apr 1944
Pantanella Airfield, Italy, c. 1 Jun 1944-c. 6 Jun 1945
Waller Field, Trinidad, 15 Jun-31 Jul 1945
Sewart AFB, TN, 8 Jun 1955

Pope AFB, NC, 9 Sep 1955-1 Aug 1957

Pope AFB, NC, 8 Jul 1963

ASSIGNMENTS

464th Bombardment Group, 1 Aug 1943-31 Jul 1945

464th Troop Carrier Group, 8 Jun 1955-1 Aug 1957

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-24, 1943-1945

C-119, 1955-1957

C-130

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

American Theater

Campaign Streamers

Offensive, Europe

Air Rome-Arno

Normandy

Northern France

Southern France

North Apennines

Rhineland

Central Europe

Po Valley

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Vienna, Austria, 8 Jul 1944

Pardubice, Czechoslovakia, [24] Aug 1944

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MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Combat in MTO and ETO, 30 Apr 1944-26 Apr 1945.

On the evening of 25 March 1965, a C-130E crashed in France, killing all crew members aboard, the tragic loss to the Air Force of these dedicated members of the 779th Troop Carrier Sq, is felt deeply by everyone at Pope Air Force Base.

Tommy M. Britt Captain Aircraft Commander
John M. Dickey, Jr. First Lieutenant Co-Pilot
Howard L. Atkins First Lieutenant Navigator
James F. Watts Staff Sergeant Flight Mechanic
Alwin W. Peace Airman Second Class Loadmaster

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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