

782 TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON, MEDIUM



MISSION

LINEAGE

782 Bombardment Squadron (Heavy) constituted, 19 May 1943

Activated, 1 Aug 1943

Inactivated, 31 Jul 1945

Redesignated 782 Troop Carrier Squadron, Medium, 22 Dec 1952

Activated, 1 Feb 1953

Inactivated, 20 Dec 1957

STATIONS

Alamogordo AAFld, NM, 1 Aug 1943

Kearns, UT, 13 Sep 1943

McCook AAFld, NE, 5 Oct 1943-1 Feb 1944

Pantanella Airfield, Italy, 25 Apr 1944-Jun 1945

Waller Field, Trinidad, 15 Jun-31 Jul 1945

Donaldson AFB, SC, 1 Feb 1953-30 Nov 1953

Neubiberg AB, Germany, 24 Dec 1953

Toul/Rosieres AB, France, 15 Apr 1954

Evreux AB, France, 24 May 1955

Neubiberg AB, Germany, 5-20 Dec 1957

ASSIGNMENTS

465 Bombardment Group, 1 Aug 1943-31 Jul 1945

465 Troop Carrier Group, 1 Feb 1953

465 Troop Carrier Wing, 12 Mar 1957

317 Troop Carrier Wing, 8 Jul 1957-20 Dec 1957

WEAPON SYSTEMS

B-24, 1943-1945

C-119, 1953-1957

C-130, 1957

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

American Theater

Offensive, Europe

Air Rome-Arno

Normandy

Northern France

Southern France

North Apennines

Rhineland

Central Europe

Po Valley

Air Combat, EAME Theater

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

Distinguished Unit Citations

Vienna, Austria, 8 Jul 1944

Germany, 3 Aug 1944

EMBLEM



782 Bombardment Squadron emblem

782 Troop Carrier Squadron emblem: On a light blue disc with green and white land masses, the comic character "Albert," green with light green chest, white eyeballs, black pupils highlighted white, smoking a big black cigar, and wearing a dark green Alpine hat with white deer tail. "Albert" driving a brown pig with white collar, hitched to a red wagon with wheels red, hub yellow, tires and axles black, the wagon moving through the air hauling seated armed troops, with olive drab helmets and uniform, faces proper color, black bayonets, all detail and outline black. (Approved, 10 May 1955)

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

Combat in MTO and ETO, 5 May 1944-26 Apr 1945.

C-119C

51-2597 - Crashed, gear up landing at Chateauroux AB, France, 12 FEB 56, no fatalities.

51-2602 - Crashed, Evreux AB, France, JULY 57, fatalities unknown.

51-2645 - Crashed, lost elevator control near Moulin, France, 18 APR 55, no fatalities.

51-2648 - Crashed, lost both engines near Corsica, France, 18 APR 55, no fatalities.

44-85491 - Crashed at Erding AB, West Germany, 9 JAN 53, 1 fatality.

45-8459 - Crashed, engine fire, over Belgium, 5 MAR 53, no fatalities.

45-8462 - Crashed, engine failure, near Neubiberg AB, West Germany, 10 MAR 53, no fatalities.

45-8465 - Crashed at Bitburg AB, West Germany, 21 MAR 54, no fatalities.

Air Force Lineage and Honors

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Sources

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