

13 AIR TRANSPORT SQUADRON



MISSION

LINEAGE

13 Air Corps Ferry Squadron constituted, 18 Feb 1942
Activated, 7 Mar 1942
Redesignated 13 Transport Squadron, 24 Mar 1943
Disbanded, 1 Dec 1943
Reconstituted 13 Air Transport Squadron, 20 Jun 1952
Activated 20 Jul 1952
Inactivated 1 Jul 1957
Organized 15 Oct 1969
Inactivated 30 Sep 1970

STATIONS

Pope Fld, NC 1942-17 Mar 1942
Charleston AAB, SC, 1942
Karachi Apt, Sind, India (Pakistan)
Chabua Afd, Assam, India
Sookerating Apt, Assam, India
Chabua Afd, Assam, India, 1943
Brookley AFB, AL, 1952-1957
Dobbins AFB, GA, 15 Oct 1969-30 Sep 1970

ASSIGNMENTS

1 Ferrying Group/Transport Group 1942-1943
1703 Air Transport Group 1952-18 Jun 1957
Continental Division, Military Air Transport Service, 1 Jul 1957

2 Aircraft Delivery Group 1969-1970

WEAPON SYSTEMS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

In order to meet the rapidly growing demand for domestic aeromedical flights, the 1733rd Air Transport Squadron began flying a converted C-97 on its route to Kelly AFB in place of much smaller C-47s. By March 1953, all of the squadron's C-47s were gone, replaced by the medium-size C-54M which were based at Kelly. Organizationally, the 1733rd Air Transport Squadron had been transferred to Travis (Fairfield-Suisun) from Lowry Field, Colorado on 16 December 1948 to handle domestic patient airlift from the base, already the major transfer point for patients returning from the Pacific area. Squadron personnel in that era included both flight crews and medical personnel. They flew C-47 and C-54 aircraft, some based at Travis and some at Kelly. Following a reorganization of MATS on 1 July 1952, the 1733rd was reassigned from the local MATS air transport group directly to a central aeromedical air transport group based at Brooks AFB, Texas. The squadron's planes and personnel remained at Travis. In May 1954, the 1733rd modernized its equipment, trading the aging C-54Ms for C-131A Samaritan aircraft. This marked the beginning of 14 years of C-131 operations at Travis. Shortly thereafter, on 8 November 1956, the 1733rd was redesignated the 13th Aeromedical Transport Squadron. The new squadron assumed the equipment, personnel, and mission of its predecessor.

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