

14 AIR DEPOT GROUP



MISSION

LINEAGE

14th Air Depot Group activated, 28 Jan 1942

Inactivated, 25 Apr 1946

Disbanded, 27 Sep 1984

STATIONS

Duncan Field, TX

Orlando Air Base #2, Pinecastle, FL

Ranaghat, India

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

OPERATIONS

14th Air Depot Group was shipped to India in early 1945, and the main part of the group was stationed at the Bengal Air Depot, just outside Calcutta, but the Repair Squadron and the Signal company were placed on detached service to the 47th Air Depot Group at Panagarh, 100 miles northwest of Calcutta, to supply additional repair manpower to that group, which was a major processing facility in Eastern India. New aircraft would be shipped by sea into Calcutta, and then floated up the river on barges to a landing, where they could be easily moved a few short miles to our base. We would then reassemble them, check them out, test fly them, and then deliver them to the base at Ondal, which was the distribution center for that part of the theater.

The Bengal Air Depot was mainly involved in the warehousing of aircraft parts and supplies that were shipped to all of the various bases in the theater as needed to maintain the aircraft on those bases. If an aircraft suffered major damage or wear and tear in normal use such that the local organizations were not staffed and trained to perform the maintenance, then it would be flown to a facility such as Ondal, where it would be exchanged for another that was either brand new, or had been already completely overhauled at a facility such as ours, and then turned over to Ondal for reassignment to another organization.

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